

# Prayer Diary

## June to July 2025



**“Binding up the broken hearted and setting the captives free”**

**Isaiah 61:1**



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### Sunday 1st & Monday 2nd June

Dear Friends, this prayer diary is one of Praise and Thanks, as we spend time recognising the answers to prayers and the amazing ways God is moving in Urban Outreach.

We are delighted to share that a new office has been secured, and the funds are available for us to buy it. This means we will be located very near to the Amber Centre for all our outreach activities.

The Amber Centre continues to be restored with Seddon's installing some steel work in the roof and another company are replacing all the windows. So, in our 35th Year we will once again be moving and consolidating most of our ministry (except for the food hub) into one area. Leaving Salop Street will be a wrench, but we celebrate the many women who are now free from abuse and drugs and that it is no longer a red-light area. Praise God for all His provision.

### Thursday 5th June

As we approach Pentecost let's give thanks to God for giving us his Holy Spirit who sets our hearts on fire with truth and love and gives us the confidence to reach out to others. *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses."* (Acts 1:8)

### Please pray daily for: -

**This time we would like to pray prayers of Thanksgiving.**

- **Bolton Lunches 2025 and the Food Team.**
- **We will be thanking God for YOU! Thank you for all your faithful prayers and support.**

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### Tuesday 3rd June

In Ecclesiastes 3 we are reminded that there is a time for everything.

At Urban Outreach we have had the privilege of serving alongside many amazing people some now and some that have 'moved on' or are no longer with us.

For this let us give God thanks for them, their commitment, and their love to the people of our town.

### Wednesday 4th June

Please thank God for all our generous supporters, long-standing and more recent, who have made financial donations to Urban Outreach. It enables us to help those we work with to live lives which are free from poverty, abuse, neglect, crime, controlling substances and any sense of failure. *"A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed"* (Proverbs 11v25)

### Friday 6th June

Praise God for a young person who has been able to overcome emotional health issues and go to University. She is making friends, studying well, settling into accommodation and enjoying a new season. She has worked hard to understand a complicated past and to move forward with positivity.

### Saturday 7th June

Please thank God for our emotional health group and how young people have been able to explore their emotions in a safe and nurturing environment. One young person was very shy and has been able to move from being accompanied by a parent to independent access and from being unable to contribute verbally to speaking and joining in.

**"The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies being afresh each**

**morning". Lamentations 3 : 22-23**

<b>Sunday 8th June</b> Express gratitude to God for additional funding in the Children and Families' Team and the ability to complete some further work around transition into secondary school. The transition support will help young people feel more confident, prepared and have a better understanding of the changes and opportunities ahead.	<b>Monday 9th June</b> <i>"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"</i> There has been some real treasure amongst trial this year. Let us spend some time today praising God and rejoicing in His goodness. <i>"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".</i>	<b>Tuesday 10th June</b> We have been fortunate this year to have had some of our funding renewed for some of the adult projects. This can often be uncertain or take time to apply for more funding etc. Praise God that it was a little simpler this year which allowed us more time to invest in front line working time.
<b>Wednesday 11th June</b> Our teams continue to be blessed with good working partnerships and relationships with many agencies across our town. There are new opportunities coming all the time for staff to make links with other services and professionals for the mutual strength and benefit of our services and theirs. Please ask that God would continue to be at the heart of these.	<b>Thursday 12th June</b> Praise God for the Street Life project, that even in the housing crisis, they have managed to house and support 206 households in total 317 individuals this past year, what an amazing achievement. These include single people and families who were in very difficult and stressful situations. Let us thank God that they now have a place to call home.	<b>Friday 13th June</b> Let us thank the Lord for the good relationships that Street Life has built with the many private landlords within the town and out of borough over the 25 years that it has been in operation. Some of these will accept people who are very difficult to accommodate due to their chaotic lifestyles and offences.
<b>Saturday 14th June</b> Every day of the week for many years supermarkets support with their food. We give God thanks for these partnerships. Today there is a food collection at ASDA (Astley Bridge) supported by volunteers and Seddon. Please pray for this and thank God for the many generous people in our town. <i>"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."</i> (Psalm 118:24)	<b>Sunday 15th June</b> Thank God for the well-being sessions that the Children and Families Team have held in school holidays. Children and young people get to step outside their comfort zone and meet new people. Praise God for the Amber Centre being such a good place to hold these afternoon sessions and thank God for the positive impact they have.	<b>Monday 16th June</b> Praise and thank God for the progress a young man, working with RISE has made. The transition to secondary school was very difficult for him and he took a long time to settle. He has now found a small group of friends and is much happier and confident to be himself.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 4-7

<b>Tuesday 17th June</b> Praise and thank God for a 9-year-old who has been working with RISE. He is quite an anxious young man and at first engaged very little with his sessions. Historically he spent many hours gaming at home. After working with him and his family, he is now engaging in more activities and is a happier and more sociable.	<b>Wednesday 18th June</b> Give thanks to God that He is always with us, especially when we are struggling and finding life difficult. Give thanks that we have a wonderful God who cares about everything that happens in our lives. Thank him for the opportunities our staff have each day to show His Love and compassion.	<b>Thursday 19th June</b> Give thanks today for teachers and school staff who work so hard to keep children safe and give them a good education. Thank God for our schools and pray for continued blessing for everyone working in them. Give thanks also for carers and social workers who are involved in looking after children.
<b>Friday 20th June</b> Praise God for the different opportunities that are presented to us each day. Pray for Urban Outreach staff who are going into schools, including those from Friends of Fun Food who are running a cooking club at a primary school today. Pray there would be a good connection with the children, and they would learn something new.	<b>Saturday 21st June</b> Please continue to pray for those who are attending the Genesis Project. They are a group of people who are moving on from homelessness and are now either in temporary or more permanent accommodation. Please give thanks that they all have shelter and pray that they will feel safe and find peace.	<b>Sunday 22nd June</b> Please give thanks for the support those who find themselves rough sleeping can access in our town. As well as Urban Outreach, the council and other charities are working hard to meet the housing need.
<b>Monday 23rd June</b> Please give thanks for the relationships that Urban Outreach has with many landlords who will take on some of the most vulnerable clients that Streetlife work with.	<b>Tuesday 24th June</b> Today we give thanks for the Street Life drop in, which continues to significantly support those struggling with housing. God does some truly amazing things through this.	<b>Wednesday 25th June</b> Today we give thanks for the ability to worship our God freely, and without fear of persecution. Give thanks and praise today with noise and jubilation.

<b>Thursday 26th June</b> Today we give thanks for the emergency services who keep us safe. Thank God for individuals who live sacrificial lives to make life possible for others.	<b>Friday 27th June</b> How Great is Our God when we can Rejoice with the people we work with! A woman with 2 children committed an offence and she thought she would never get a job again. We rejoice that she now has a job she loves, and she has her car back. She said its life changing just jumping in the car and going out for the day. Loving life! Hallelujah!	<b>Saturday 28th June</b> Rejoice with us as a woman and her 3 children who had been in foster care for nearly 2 years have all been re-united. Her resilience has amazed us and inspired us. We know people can turn their life around but sometimes it just takes a little longer, a little more empathy, patience, love and lots of prayer. Thank you for your prayers.
<b>Sunday 29th June</b> A woman we have known for many years and suffers with drug induced psychosis and schizophrenia has been unable to receive the right support. Praise God that she is now engaging and receiving the right medication and in the right way. She no longer has HepC and is off drugs and on a methadone prescription. What an amazing miracle and we rejoice.	<b>Monday 30th June</b> We remember today “the Vision” (1984) that was to become Urban Outreach. Please join us as we thank God for His Love in reaching out to ‘the broken hearted’ of our town. Let us give Him all the Praise and all the Glory.	<b>Tuesday 1st July</b> Let us praise our God today for the hope He promises to us. We have seen many lives changed in our town and many prayers answered over the years. Praise God, <i>“Taste and see that the Lord is good...”</i> (Psalm 34:8)
<b>Wednesday 2nd July</b> We praise the Lord for the wonderful volunteers that give their time and giftings to help run the Street Life Drop In each week. It is wonderful to see God's love in action as each person who comes through the door receives the love, acceptance and hope they need, to get them through the difficult time they are facing.	<b>Thursday 3rd July</b> As we approach Bolton Lunches 2025 let us thank God for drawing our attention to the needs of young people during the summer holidays. We praise God for His faithfulness in providing all that is needed and the many volunteers that help make these lunches happen.	<b>Friday 4th July</b> Today we give thanks for the Food Hub which enables us to support thousands of people each year with food. Thank God for providing us this wonderful space and the opportunities it provides.

Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: ‘He is good, his love endures forever.’ 2 Chronicles 5:13

<b>Saturday 5th July</b> Today let us thank God for many lives changed. For those who have been set free and are now becoming the people they were meant to be. Praise God that <i>“those who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”</i> (Isaiah 9:2)	<b>Sunday 6th July</b> Today we are giving thanks for healthcare professionals who tend to the sick and the dying, and provide comfort and hope in the darkest of situations.	<b>Monday 7th July</b> Please give thanks for God's continuous provision of food donations to the Food Hub from individuals, churches, schools and businesses across Bolton. Praise God that there has always been enough to give out and meet demand. These donations allow Urban Outreach to keep providing food to those in Bolton who need it.
<b>Tuesday 8th July</b> <i>“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”</i> (Psalm 9:1) Please join us in praising God today for all He has done for, and through, Urban Outreach over many years. Pray that we would continually remember His wonderful deeds.	<b>Wednesday 9th July</b> As many food parcels get delivered across the town today, please join us in giving thanks for all the volunteers at the Food hub. Those who sort through donations and put food parcels together, and for the delivery drivers, who give up their time each week to get these parcels to those who need them.	<b>Thursday 10th July</b> Please give thanks for the generosity that has allowed a young woman and her two sons to fully furnish their first house. Through donations, awards, and the kindness of people they now have a comfortable secure home.
<b>Friday 11th July</b> <i>“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”</i> (1 Thessalonians 5:18) We all face difficulties and times where we may not feel thankful for our circumstances, but the Lord reminds us to be grateful not for every situation but in every situation for he is with us and gives us strength.	<b>Saturday 12th July</b> Give thanks for our Amber Centre and all the opportunities the summer brings, from new hedges and new benches to new life being planted. Praise God that this community continues to grow and new relationships are being nurtured.	<b>Sunday 13th July</b> Praise God for a young lady finally getting a suitable management move. Since becoming abstinent from alcohol, she tried to keep herself to herself. Unfortunately, the other residents in her block, used to taunt her and throw alcohol at her windows. She became depressed and isolated. Now she has moved away from that area and has her own front door.

“You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.” James 2 : 22

<b>Monday 14th July</b> Praise the Lord for a female who has finally escaped from a very controlling and abusive partner. She is now safe and learning all about healthy relationships, to ensure she does not end up in a similar situation in the future.	<b>Tuesday 15th July</b> Let us thank God for the trustees of UOB. For their commitment to the charity and for their wisdom in seeking God's will in any decisions they make. Please thank God for each of the trustees' particular gifts and expertise and their willingness to use those skills to bless UOB and to glorify God here at UOB.	<b>Wednesday 16th July</b> Praise God for the amazing work of the Family and Children's team. Thank God for the privilege it is for the team to be able to go into schools and bring God's light and hope into young people's lives. Thank God for the great stories of lives transformed by better mental health such as improved self-confidence and less anxiety.
<b>Thursday 17th July</b> Today we thank God for some specific improvements in young people's lives from the work of the Family and Children's team. For a young girl who is now able to talk about her complex health issues, for a young person who has grown in confidence and now has a gardening job and for another who has stopped having panic attacks. Together let us Praise the Lord!	<b>Friday 18th July</b> Let us spend time thanking the Lord for the close relationship that Street Life has with the many people they support. Although some of them have sadly passed away early this year due to alcoholism, Street Life had the privilege to pray with and for them. Praise God for the opportunity to show and share His unconditional love and acceptance.	<b>Saturday 19th July</b> Thank the Lord for the excellent connections that Street Life have built up over the years with agencies, housing associations, council, rehabs, police, GPs, Bolton Hospital, job centre and many more. <i>"For God is the one who will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you."</i> (2 Corinthians 9)
<b>Sunday 20th July</b> Praise the Lord for the faithfulness He has shown to the Street Life Project, which has now been in operation for 25 years. Thank Him for the provisions that He has given throughout these years, which includes the staff, funding, volunteers and buildings that have facilitated the housing Drop-in each week.	<b>Monday 21st July</b> Let us thank our amazing God for the Street Life Drop-in, where we can show His love in action with every person that comes through the door. It is a privilege to be able to help, support, advise and sometimes pray with those who come to seek assistance.	<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b> Please thank God for a young person getting a place at a new high school and starting well there. He was struggling at his old high school, didn't have great friends and he felt he had a reputation he couldn't change. He expressed that he really wanted a fresh start, so this is a great opportunity for him.

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3 :22

<b>Wednesday 23rd July</b> Please praise God for the opportunity that RUNA have to be a constant in some young people's lives. In a world of change and challenge thank God for the privilege of building a relationship with young people.	<b>Thursday 24th July</b> Please thank God for a young person asking for emotional health support for herself. This young person spoke with a worker on a visit and shared a lot of struggles. A day later this young person reached out to ask for further emotional health support. It is amazing that she wants this and feels ready to work with someone.	<b>Friday 25th July</b> A young person who was talking about suicide and refusing to see a GP has now seen his GP and is on medication to help. Together let us rejoice in this breakthrough as many were concerned about his welfare. He is now slowly starting to feel better.
<b>Saturday 26th July</b> RUNA has been supporting a child suffering from extreme anxiety. Attendance at school was very low but after much prayer and support over a few weeks this child is now going in to school more often and feels less anxious.  Thank you.	<b>Sunday 27th July</b> Please join us today as we celebrate a breakthrough in relationship between a mum and her child. Where there has been a lot of conflict, the family are now communicating in a positive way.  Hallelujah!	<b>Monday 28th July</b> We praise God for a young person known to our RUNA team who has been out of education for nearly three years and has been at risk of exploitation and threats of harm. Thank God for His guidance and protection and that this young person is now engaging with an education placement that suits him and helps to keep him safe.
<b>Tuesday 29th July</b> Let us thank God for the generosity of young people across Bolton that do a range of fundraising activities for the work of Urban Outreach. We praise you for their sacrifice of time and willingness to support others in our town.	<b>Wednesday 30th July</b> We praise God for the exciting new opportunities for our Children and Families Team to expand on work with young people at risk of Serious Youth Violence. We thank God for His provision of our Amber Centre and the opportunity to work with vulnerable young people and give them a sense of community there.	<b>Thursday 31st July</b> We praise you Lord, that the RUNA team had the opportunity to engage with 728 young people reported missing over the last 12 months. Together let us thank God that each of those young people had the chance to be listened to, valued and empowered through God's strength in the RUNA team.

"They will soar on wings of eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31