

Prayer Diary

August to September 2025



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

Isaiah 61:1



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Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August

We're really excited to let you know that we've now secured a new office for Urban Outreach! This is a huge answer to prayer and comes at such a significant moment as we celebrate 35 years of serving our town. We're so grateful to the vendor, whose generosity in reducing the price made it possible for us to move forward. Please join us in thanking God for this incredible provision and for everyone who

who has been faithfully praying with us.

The new building is just around the corner from the Amber Centre, which means our front-facing work and admin base will now be next to each other. This is a big step forward and will really help with how we work together day to day. Please pray for all the planning, moving, and settling in that needs to happen over the next few months - and that it all goes smoothly! On top of that, we've been offered another amazing gift; a local business has offered to replace all the windows at the Amber Centre and the Church for a massively reduced price. God's provision continues to blow us away, and we're so thankful for His ongoing blessings as we keep following where He leads us.

Please pray daily for: -

- **Bolton Lunches 2025 and the Food Team.**
- **Wisdom and strength for Urban Outreach staff and volunteers.**
- **Generosity from donors and supporters.**
- **God's love to be made known through every act of service.**

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Tuesday 5th August

As the Care Leavers Board meet today, please pray for all those young people in Bolton who are looked after and known to us at Urban Outreach. Pray especially those who are moving on from care placements. May they have good places to live and supportive professionals and friends who will help them to settle into new environments.

Wednesday 6th August

Thank God for the Next Chapter provision meeting today which helps young people who are transitioning from primary to high school. As they learn about resilience, building new relationships, and embracing different challenges and opportunities may they grow in confidence and maturity for the season ahead.

Monday 4th August

Please pray for those children and young people who may be at risk in their homes and communities at this time. Pray also for the Children and Families' team as they visit and engage with young people over the summer holidays. Thank God for His ongoing protection and care.

Thursday 7th August

Please pray for our newly appointed accountants as they audit our 2024/25 accounts this summer. Pray for a good and fruitful working relationship between both parties and that the accountants swiftly get to grips with how Urban Outreach operates.

Friday 8th August As we reflect on the past week please ask God to enable us to be grateful for what was learned and what was accomplished. Ask Him to invite us to discover His presence in each person we meet and every event we encounter in the following week.	Saturday 9th August At the end of the 3 rd week of Bolton Lunches please thank God for our amazing volunteers and pray for continued strength for the Food Team. Pray that their weekend will provide rest and refreshment. <i>“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary.”</i> <i>(Isaiah 40:31)</i>	Sunday 10th August Dave is preaching at the Triangle Church this morning. Please pray for his words to be used by God to challenge and deepen the faith of each member of the congregation who will be listening to him today.
Monday 11th August We are now halfway through the summer holidays. Please pray for families in our town who struggle to find activities to occupy their children that they can afford. Pray for children who get very little adult attention, to find safe and enjoyable ways to fill their time.	Tuesday 12th August This morning, the Tackling Poverty Strategy Group meets at the Town Hall. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in this group today as they make decisions to support and protect the people of Bolton. Pray for Dave as he participates in this meeting, that he has wise words to focus conversations towards decisions that may make a lasting difference.	Wednesday 13th August Our Street Life Drop-in will take place today. Please pray for all those who attend, most in very stressful and difficult situations. Some of these are families living in terrible accommodation. Pray that Street Life will be able to secure more suitable housing for them.
Thursday 14th August Please pray for Street Life as they continue to support clients who have been housed, but who still face significant challenges. Pray especially for those whose chaotic lifestyles make it difficult to maintain accommodation or begin addressing their addictions, that they may find stability, strength, and the support they need to move forward.	Friday 15th August Praise God for the many individuals who have been successfully accommodated this year through the support of the Street Life project. Pray that through the care they've received, they would come to recognise and experience God's amazing love, grace, and the freedom He longs for each of them to know.	Saturday 16th August Let us spend time today praying for those who have received eviction notices from their private rented homes, some after living there for many years. Pray that God would strengthen and equip Street Life as they work tirelessly to find alternative accommodation amidst the ongoing housing crisis. Ask for suitable, stable homes to become available to those in need.

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”
(2 Corinthians 3:17)

Sunday 17th August Today, let us pray together for families who are in desperate need of housing. Three and four bedroomed properties are hard to come by at present and many families are struggling to access a suitable, safe place they can call home. We ask that God give them His peace and that they will have hope for a happy future.	Monday 18th August We are seeing more women being referred into our Women's service in recent months. Let's thank God for each and every woman who comes seeking support. We ask God for His protection over their lives and for His guidance for them.	Tuesday 19th August Each life God created is precious and unique. Please ask Him to help all at UOB to see others the way He sees them and to love as He first loved us.
Wednesday 20th August Pray today for children in Bolton who are in foster care or in a children's home. Please pray that these children would feel loved and that they would not feel isolated or alone. Pray that the carers who look after them would be able to show how much they care and make a meaningful connection with the children.	Thursday 21st August Please pray for all young people collecting their GCSE results today, that they would have hope for the future no matter what results they get and that they would realise this is just a stage of their journey. Pray for parents, carers, and education staff, that they would be supportive to those children they are responsible for.	Friday 22nd August This Bank Holiday weekend UOB has been sponsored by Orbit Development to host an omelette cooking event at the Food and Drink Festival. Please pray for Dave and the team as they encourage families to have fun with food.
Saturday 23rd August Pray that the UOB staff find real rest and renewal over this bank holiday weekend. Ask that they be refreshed in body, mind, and spirit, and return with energy and peace for the work ahead. Pray that they know it's okay to pause and receive as well as to give.	Sunday 24th August Please pray for a child who is a carer for his younger brother. He is struggling with stress related issues. Please pray that he takes the support offered and that God will give him peace and comfort.	Monday 25th August Please pray for a child who has struggled with her mental health for years and has tried to take her own life. She has dropped out of school and wants to be home schooled. Please pray that the school will be supportive of her and make it possible for her to stay.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
(Galatians 6:9)

Tuesday 26th August As the school holidays come to an end, let us thank God for the many opportunities that He has given for Urban Outreach to join with the Holiday Activity and Food programme giving thousands of young people and their families and adventurous summer holiday.	Wednesday 27th August Please pray today for Urban Outreach staff who go out to see children and their families. Pray that the children would listen and be open to speaking about their situations. Please pray for good conversations that lead to different life choices and that the families will be supportive and willing to make changes.	Thursday 28th August Please pray for two women and their families who have recently moved from temporary accommodation into permanent tenancies. They are adjusting to unfamiliar areas and new schools. Pray for peace, support, and smooth transitions as they settle into their new communities.
Friday 29th August The Bolton Lunches project finishes today. Let us give thanks to God for His never-ending generosity and sustaining love. Pray for those who have received lunches that they will know the love and presence of Jesus.	Saturday 30th August Pray for a young woman suffering drug-induced psychosis. She is vulnerable, unreachable and sleeping rough due to the voices she hears. Her parents are deeply worried. Pray she takes her medication and that she finds safety, stability, and the courage to accept help.	Sunday 31st August Pray for a young woman newly referred to Street Life, battling addiction and sex working to survive. She struggles to see her own situation clearly and is fearful of opening up. Pray she feels safe, finds trust in our team, and is open to the help that can lead to healing and change.
Monday 1st September <i>"The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)</i> Please pray that the team will experience God's joy as a source of empowerment through hope and courage as they face daily challenges.	Tuesday 2nd September Today let us read Ephesians verses 6 to 18 praying that as believers we would be clothed in God's full coat of armour! It is good to be reminded that the battle belongs to God, but we do NEED His daily protection.	Wednesday 3rd September Here at UOB we are fortunate to have trustees who are continually seeking God's will, His wisdom and the way forward. Please pray for the 'new things' that we are believing for as we continue to bring God's Love and Hope in times of difficulty to those in our town.

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
(Lamentations 3:22-23)*

Thursday 4th September Join us in thanking God for the Genesis project and the people who come for community and friendship. Pray that God would provide the resources and people to care for the project and the people who attend.	Friday 5th September 2 Timothy 1:7 says "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." Pray that God would fill His church in Bolton with His spirit of power, love and self-discipline so that we may be witnesses to Jesus in the world.	Saturday 6th September Today join us in praying for our amazing volunteers across our various projects, who make the work of UOB possible. Pray that God richly blesses them with joy and love, and that they will be refreshed with strength.
Sunday 7th September As we head into the Harvest season, please pray for the ongoing preparation of school assemblies and church services that will be happening over the coming weeks. Please pray for soft hearts in those who will hear the Harvest message and that they would respond generously.	Monday 8th September As the Food Hub opens today, join us in giving thanks for the many volunteers who give their time each week to do food sorting and packing to make the food parcels. It is only with their help that Urban Outreach can support so many people across the town with food parcels through Storehouse Foodbank.	Tuesday 9th September This morning, the Trustees are meeting. Please pray for wisdom for them as they discern which direction God is leading Urban Outreach.
Wednesday 10th September Please pray for healing and hope for a lady we've known for years. Pray she can break the cycle that has held her for so long, and lead her into a new season of strength, peace, and purpose.	Thursday 11th September Please give thanks for the organisations that stand beside us, offering support and partnership. Bless them for their generosity and shared heart for Bolton. May our combined efforts bring hope, healing, and lasting impact to our community.	Friday 12th September Please pray for a lady who has been alcohol dependent for years. Pray that she accepts a place in a rehab before it is too late. Pray that she may find the courage to make that first step. Thank you.

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
(Psalm 46:10)*

Saturday 13th September Please pray for a lady who is fighting hard to get her son the right help and diagnosis from the correct services. He is refusing to go to school. As God to intervene and highlight his difficulties so the right support is given. Thank you.	Sunday 14th September Today please pray for a lady who is currently out of prison on licence. Pray that this time she manages not to reoffend and accepts all the help she is being offered. Pray that she maintains her new tenancy and stays away from risky associates.	Monday 15th September Please pray for those young people we are working with who have challenging physical health issues. Pray for healing and peace as these conditions often lead to health-related anxieties. Pray for those delivering the wellbeing sessions that they would know how to help them with this anxiety.
Tuesday 16th September Today please pray for those young people who are home schooled for various reasons such as being bullied at school or being unable to cope with the structure of going to school. Pray that they get the education they need at home and that they get the social interaction that young people need.	Wednesday 17th September Please pray for the Street Life team as they respond to a rise in people seeking help over the summer months, whether in person, at the drop-in, by phone, or through our Urban Outreach office. Pray that each person is met with compassion and that we are able to offer real hope and guidance in their time of need.	Thursday 18th September At the Street Life Drop-in we continue to see many refugees who are either sleeping rough or have received eviction notices from Home Office accommodation after gaining their right to remain. Please pray that we are able to secure housing and the right support so they can begin to rebuild their lives and settle safely in this country.
Friday 19th September There remains a serious shortage of housing across both social and private rented sectors. This makes it incredibly difficult to move people on from temporary accommodation or to support those facing eviction. Please pray that new housing opportunities will open up, and that we can offer people not just shelter, but renewed hope for their future.	Saturday 20th September Please pray for a teenage girl who has had a very difficult year. She has transitioned from being in a family home to being a looked after child and carries a lot of trauma from things that have happened through her life. Please pray that she will see hope for her life and that she will experience unconditional love.	Sunday 21st September Please pray for Dave, as he shares at a local church today as part of their Harvest service. Please pray that God will be glorified during this Harvest season as we thank Him for the provision that comes at this time. Please pray that people receive from God this morning in whatever way God wants to speak to them.

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”
(Isaiah 43:19)*

Monday 22nd September Please thank God for a new week to serve Him. Please pray that as Urban Outreach we will be open and ready this week to work with the people we will encounter. Please pray that we will never become desensitised to the horrible situations we see and for a resilience to keep helping people who find themselves in these positions.	Tuesday 23rd September Please pray for all staff and volunteers, especially those involved in the Genesis Project. Pray for wisdom, patience, and compassion as they walk alongside people facing complex challenges.	Wednesday 24th September Today we welcome friends to our Genesis Project at the Amber Centre. Please pray that they will feel safe, supported and valued as they work to rebuild their lives.
Thursday 25th September Thinking of our Genesis Project today please pray for lasting transformation and that those involved would experience real change, freedom from past struggles, and hope for the future.	Friday 26th September Lord, we praise you for how the teams at Urban Outreach can join up to support families in need across Bolton. We thank you that when a child was seen by RUNA for a missing episode, their Dad was able to be linked with Street Life and they are now in suitable accommodation.	Saturday 27th September Please give thanks for our Re Root project in the Children and Families Team and its work with young people at risk of Serious Youth Violence. Please ask God to be in the midst of this project and to provide meaningful change for these young people helping to keep them safe.
Sunday 28th September Please pray for all the staff members going into schools this Harvest to share with children God's message of hope and generosity. We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with a team that comes together to deliver these sessions and that you bless the people of Bolton through the generous donations we receive.	Monday 29th September Please give thanks for God's provision and pray for generous Harvest donations from schools, churches, and the community. Ask for wisdom in distributing food and resources to those in need, and pray that every gift brings hope, dignity, and nourishment to the individuals and families we serve through Urban Outreach.	Tuesday 30th September Please pray for those facing fuel poverty as colder seasons approach. Ask that they are signposted to practical help and support, and that no one is left in the cold. Pray for warmth, provision and compassion from agencies, and for strength and hope for those struggling to meet basic needs.

*“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”
(John 10:27)*