

Prayer Diary

October to November 2025



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

Isaiah 61:1



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Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd October

Dear friends I'm asking for some directed prayer as we begin this prayer diary. We have an issue with British Gas and I am asking for you to pray into this issue. We are entitled to pay just 5% VAT for Utilities and British Gas are refusing to pass that onto us which means over the course of the contract which lasts another 2.5 years it will cost us in the region of £10,000 just in VAT. We have no other option other than to pull out of the contract citing a breach of contract due to them over charging us, this in turn may bring us into legal conflict with them. It is incredibly unfair that they are treating us this way and that we have no recourse other than to go down this route. Please pray for a just and right outcome for us.
Thank you.

Please pray daily for: -

- **Harvest - please thank God for His provision.**
- **CDoJ 2025 - pray for generous pledges and for a smooth preparation of all that goes on behind the scenes.**
- **Wisdom and strength for Urban Outreach staff and volunteers.**
- **God's love to be made known through every act of service.**

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Friday 3rd October

We have been really blessed with our amazing new offices and Seddon's have now completed their decorating which looks awesome. We have to replace a boiler that is broken but all is looking good. Please pray as we move into St George's Road that everyone will be excited about what the future will hold and that the move goes well and safely.

Saturday 4th October

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Please pray for a young person who has started year 7 and is struggling to make friends in High School. Ask God for His strength and guidance.

Sunday 5th October

Please pray for Dave Bagley as he visits St. Luke's Church, Halliwell today and shares the Word of God. May this be an encouragement to them and their ministries as the priesthood of all believers. Ask that God would continue to give the people of Bolton a compassionate heart for those in poverty and need.

Monday 6th October

Please pray that at Urban Outreach we continually seek God in all we do. With contracts ending soon, ask that He clearly shows the path ahead and that we recognise His call on each of us. "Trust in the Lord ... and He will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Tuesday 7th October

Rejoice in answered prayer. Over the summer we have developed a really good working relationship with our new accountants. Please pray for that to continue as they meet the Trustees at our AGM next Tuesday to present our audited accounts.

"So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Wednesday 8th October Please thank God for the wonderful relationships we have with many of the schools in Bolton. Today Dave is at Bolton School leading harvest assemblies all morning. Please pray that he will be able to continue to inspire the children & staff with an attitude of thankfulness and generosity to others and that the harvest will be fruitful.	Thursday 9th October Please pray for the Friends of Fun Food team today as they deliver a cooking class in St Matthew's Little Lever Primary School. Join us in praising God for the strong relationship Urban Outreach has with so many schools across the town that makes these classes possible and for the wonderful Friends of Fun Food volunteers.	Friday 10th October As many Harvest collections happen across Bolton today, praise God for all those who have given so generously and for all the food collected to fill food parcels for people in need across our town.
Saturday 11th October As winter approaches, please pray for the huge number of people Street Life are supporting and trying to find accommodation. As you know from previous prayers there is a housing crisis, which remains the same, there is not enough housing across all housing providers. Pray Street Life will be equipped to carry the load, and more accommodation will be found.	Sunday 12th October Please pray for Dave and Dom today as they deliver Harvest messages at Horwich Evangelical Church and Christ Church Heaton. Pray that all those in attendance would connect with it. Praise God for the generosity of the many churches across Bolton giving food throughout the Harvest season.	Monday 13th October In the Street Life Drop-in, we are still seeing a huge number of asylum seekers and refugees coming through the door, many do not speak much English and have either been given an eviction notice or are already sleeping rough. Pray Street Life will be able to manage the situation in the drop-in and find the support that is needed.
Tuesday 14th October Please could we ask you to pray again for the many people who are experiencing evictions from their properties, due to landlords either wanting to sell or putting the rents up. Pray Street Life will be able and equipped to help and support them through the process.	Wednesday 15th October Please pray today for children who are lonely or are struggling with their mental health. Pray that they would be able to find someone they can talk to and get support from, and that they would see there is hope. Pray that whoever looks after them would realise how they are feeling and be sympathetic and encouraging.	Thursday 16th October Give thanks today for all school staff who work hard to keep children safe and help to educate them throughout the year. Thank God for our schools and pray for blessing, strength and patience for everyone working there. Give thanks also for foster carers and social workers who are also looking after children.

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland" (Isiah 43:19)

Friday 17th October Many people who find themselves homeless are also struggling with relationship breakdowns. Please pray that they can have the strength and resilience to work through the loneliness and a determination to push forward. Pray that Hope in our Lord and Hope for a brighter future will give them that strength to move on and repair those relationships.	Saturday 18th October Please give thanks for those who are engaging in the Genesis Project. These are men and women who are navigating their way out of homelessness who are either in temporary accommodation or recently moving into a more permanent accommodation. Please ask that they will find peace.	Sunday 19th October Please join us in giving thanks for the Genesis Project, which has become a weekly safe space for many who have been referred in. It is an environment where our friends can join in with conversations, games, gardening, woodwork, art, discuss their housing issues and know that we care about them.
Monday 20th October As we are moving through autumn, many of those we work with will be feeling anxious about the dropping temperatures, especially those who have no fixed abode. Please pray for them, that they will find shelter and security this coming winter.	Tuesday 21st October Please pray for the most vulnerable women we work with. We have some familiar faces that return to us every now and then for support. Please pray for lasting change for these women, for strength and courage to make the changes they need to move forwards and out of addiction long term.	Wednesday 22nd October Let us thank God for His promise in Isaiah 43: ... <i>"I will make a pathway through the wilderness..."</i> When it seems, there is no hope of change, no hope of a future free from addiction, we know we can turn to God. He CAN make a way. Thank You, God!
Thursday 23rd October Please pray for Storehouse Foodbank. Pray for provision, generosity, and dignity as food is shared with those in need, and for lives to be strengthened through kindness and community.	Friday 24th October Please pray for our volunteers - for energy, joy, and unity for all who give their time, that their commitment may bring hope and encouragement.	Saturday 25th October <i>"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain" (Psalm 127:1)</i> Please pray for the ongoing building work at our Amber Centre and give thanks for the generosity of those who have helped us.

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling." (Psalm 68:5)

Sunday 26th October As the nights grow darker, please pray for women on the streets who feel trapped in addiction and survival sex work. Many have no home of their own and often sleep rough. Change is possible, but they must choose it for themselves. Please pray for hope, courage, and strength to take those steps.	Monday 27th October Pray for women suffering drug-induced psychosis. One woman avoids her home because voices tell her it's unsafe. Please pray for peace of mind, clarity, and trust in those supporting her.	Tuesday 28th October Please pray for a young woman expecting her first child. Evicted from her home, she is currently sofa-surfing. Since learning she is pregnant, she has completely stopped heavy cannabis use – a true miracle! Pray for her continued strength, health, and a safe arrival for her baby next year.
Wednesday 29th October Please pray for Storehouse Foodbank as it continues to meet the needs of so many households. Ask God to provide the food, resources, and finances required, and that each person who comes through the door would experience dignity, compassion, and the love of Christ.	Thursday 30th October Please give thanks for the dedication of our volunteers who freely give their time and energy. Pray for strength, encouragement, and joy as they serve, and that they would know how valued they are both by Urban Outreach and by God.	Friday 31st October Several of our staff have each lost a parent this year. Pray for comfort and peace as they work through their grief, for God's presence to surround them, and for strength as they continue to care for others while carrying their own sorrow.
Saturday 1st November <i>"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."</i> (Deuteronomy 31:8) As many face difficult and vulnerable times, please pray that with God's help, we will all be able to bring reassurance, a new hope, and God's peace into every situation.	Sunday 2nd November As work progresses on the new office and on the Amber Centre let us thank God for the many ways He is providing for this to happen. He is certainly going before with many valuable partnerships and individuals supporting the work. Thank you, God!	Monday 3rd November Please join us in our excitement and anticipation of what God is preparing for the future ministry of Urban Outreach. We are believing for many miracles and many more lives being changed as they meet a Loving God. Please pray for God's Will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Thank you.

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight (living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises.)"
(Amplified 2 Corinthians 5:7)*

Tuesday 4th November Please pray for a lady who has been known to us many years but who is not ready to change her situation. Pray for her to find strength and to know she will be supported when she is ready.	Wednesday 5th November As fireworks light up the sky tonight remember that God is the light of the world. Give thanks that His light won't be dimmed and will be a guide through the darkest times.	Thursday 6th November Please pray for a lady who has chronic lung disease and a brain aneurysm. The hospital has told her that she would not survive an operation, so she is living in fear of it rupturing. Pray for her peace and ask for God's protection and peace over her.
Friday 7th November Please pray for a lady who has been alcohol dependent for many years. She has recently completed a detox and has not had a drink now for 17 days. Please pray for the strength to carry on abstaining, and for God to be with her along the way.	Saturday 8th November Please pray for a young lady who is heavily addicted to class A drugs. Her life is so chaotic! Pray for God to intercede in this situation and break the chains of addiction.	Sunday 9th November Please pray for young people struggling with self-esteem. Pray for our children and families team as they deliver wellbeing sessions in schools, that they would encourage and build up these young people with positive words, helping them grow in confidence and know their true value.
Monday 10th November We thank God for the chance to go into schools and support young people. Please pray for the iThrive team delivering wellbeing sessions, that they would be equipped with wisdom, patience, and the skills to understand and respond to each young person's unique needs and anxieties.	Tuesday 11th November As we head into the colder months, please pray for the food team as they prepare for increased demand over the winter period. Please pray for the continued provision of food through Harvest so that Storehouse Foodbank can meet the demand over the coming months.	Wednesday 12th November Praise the Lord for those people Street Life are supporting who have now gone into rehab to address their addictions and are doing very well. Please continue to pray for them, that they will be equipped to overcome the many issues that can arise during this time from their past and pray they would experience God's unconditional love.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" (Isaiah 30:21)

Thursday 13th November Please can we ask you to lift up to the Lord all those who are in desperate situations either sleeping rough or sofa surfing in various inappropriate places. Pray as they receive the support from Street Life they will be given hope for their situation and places will be found in the emergency accommodation.	Friday 14th November Street Life asked you to pray for a gentleman who had been an alcoholic for over 30 years and in a terrible state. Praise the Lord he is now alcohol free and has been doing extremely well for 10 months, has his own accommodation and looking amazing. Please pray this will continue and he will be able to resist temptations.	Saturday 15th November Please pray for a gentleman who Street Life has known many years but due to his mental health, refused any help, and slept rough for 4 years. Praise God, through our continued contact, he accepted the help, was placed in emergency accommodation and doing very well. Now he is ready to move into his own property pray this will continue.
Sunday 16th November Please pray for a young person who has suddenly been repeatedly reported missing. He often runs from home in the middle of the night, but he is struggling to communicate why he leaves. Please pray protection over him and his mind and that he will be able to know true safety.	Monday 17th November Please pray for a teenage girl who is in care and is losing faith in the people that are looking out for her. Please pray that she will have more people alongside her that really want to listen to her voice. Pray that she will feel heard and that this will give her a confidence to open up.	Tuesday 18th November Please pray for the young people who are struggling to go to school because of anxiety. Please pray for the peace of God to reign in their hearts and minds and in all the schools across Bolton. Please pray that they will find the right people to speak to and find a way to access education.
Wednesday 19th November Please pray for an extremely anxious child who constantly refuses to go to school. Mum really doesn't know what to do anymore. Please pray for wisdom for his teachers and for his Mum.	Thursday 20th November Please pray for a family who are finding it very difficult to meet their daily needs. Ask God to surround them with His care, to provide for them in practical ways, and to bring them peace and hope as they face these challenges.	Friday 21st November Please praise God for a young person supported by RUNA who, after losing his dad and experiencing missing episodes, has grown in confidence and resilience through wellbeing walks. Pray for God's protection, peace, and safety in his life, and that he continues to feel supported and secure.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." (Phillipians 4:19)

Saturday 22nd November We lift up to God all the young people we work with that feel unheard and unknown. Please thank God that He knows each one of them and loves them. Please pray that they feel His love and care for them.	Sunday 23rd November Please thank God for a young person, at risk of Child Criminal Exploitation, who has recently moved back to the area and is seeking ways to get his life back on track. May Jehovah Jireh provide all the opportunities for him to thrive and grow in strength and peace.	Monday 24th November Pray for those facing fuel poverty as winter sets in. Ask God to bring warmth, provision, and comfort to households struggling to heat their homes, and for agencies and communities to respond with compassion and practical support.
Tuesday 25th November Pray for the preparations for Christmas Dinner on Jesus as donations and nominations come in. Ask God to bless the generosity of those giving and guide the team as they organise resources so that every hamper reaches the families that need them most.	Wednesday 26th November Please pray for our Children and Families team. Today, they gather for their weekly team meeting; planning, praying together and seeking God's will for their work with young people. Pray for each young person our team meets with today – that in some way our input and actions reflect the light and hope of Jesus.	Thursday 27th November As the nights get longer, pray that the light of Jesus shines in and through our work supporting vulnerable people across Bolton. Pray that we bring the hope of Jesus to those in food poverty, those without homes, and those struggling with addiction, mental health challenges, illness and/or poor family relationships and that we demonstrate authentic love through our
Friday 28th November Today is <i>Black Friday</i> in the UK. Pray for those who head deeper into debt over Christmas, attempting to purchase happiness. Pray that we continue supporting both practical and emotional needs through all our services; remembering the only black Friday we recognise as Christians is the day on which Jesus died – aptly named <i>Good Friday</i> .	Saturday 29th November Today let's pray specifically for our food team volunteers and delivery drivers, who help to sort and distribute food to the people who need it across our town. Pray that they would be encouraged by knowing how important and valued they are to us, to our clients, and to you.	Sunday 30th November Romans 15:13 says "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Please pray today for hope - for our staff, volunteers, clients and the people of Bolton.

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, He has sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives." (Isaiah 61:1)