

# Prayer Diary

## February to March 2026



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

**Isaiah 61:1**



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### **Sunday 1st February**

We are delighted to announce that Rev Nicola Gillard has been appointed as our new Chief Operations Officer. As we continue to follow God's call to serve Bolton under the banner of His love, this role is vital in navigating an increasingly complex landscape. Please pray for Nicola, for wisdom, peace, and confidence as she steps into this important responsibility.

### **Please pray daily for: -**

- **Wisdom and strength for Urban Outreach staff and volunteers.**
- **God's love to be made known through every act of service.**
- **God's protection.**

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### **Monday 2nd February**

We are delighted to share several leadership appointments across the organisation. Chris Williams now leads the Children and Families team, Beth Ford is Senior Practitioner for the Adults team and Amber Centre, and Bethany Weaver leads Eve's Space and women's centre development. We can see God preparing us for 2026. Please pray for these three as they step into their new roles.

### **Tuesday 3rd February**

We are thankful to have successfully purchased our new office building and are excited about all it will enable us to do. The interior has been painted, heating and air conditioning serviced, and all IT installed. We plan to move in late February. Please join us in thanking God for His provision and praying for wisdom as we use this space for His glory.

### **Wednesday 4th February**

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things.” (Isaiah 25)

Thank God for those young people we have seen gain employment after a difficult past. Ask God to make a way for other young people we work with to find jobs and gain purpose and stability.

### **Thursday 5th February**

Pray for those young people who feel that they are struggling in vain: for those whose mental health is overwhelming; for those trying hard at school but feel unable to progress; for those who see themselves as trapped in exploitation. Ask that God may give them a vision of hope for their future and surround them with care and encouragement.

### **Friday 6th February**

We will soon be moving into our new offices. Please pray for a smooth transition and for all the complicated logistics to be overcome. *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)*

### **Saturday 7th February**

Please pray for Hannah as she takes some time out from Urban Outreach to enjoy her newly extended family. Praise God for the safe arrival of their little baby girl, pray for peace and wisdom as they navigate the challenges ahead and thank God for the joy that this little baby is already bringing to Hannah, Ben and the boys.

<b>Sunday 8th February</b> Please remember in your prayers Dave, Chris and the 21 members of Urban Outreach staff. Ask God to bless them in their many different roles, as they seek to follow God's will for their lives, and the life of the charity. Please pray for encouragement and a renewed sense of refreshment.	<b>Monday 9th February</b> Thank God for the opportunity the RISE project gives to impact children and teenagers. Please pray for a young lady (12 yrs) greatly impacted by the struggling mental health of her father. Pray that he may find the strength to accept the help he needs and to be prepared to tackle his drinking problem.	<b>Tuesday 10th February</b> Pray particularly for a 10-year-old girl who has been working with RISE. Her mum is quite ill with a heart condition and finds managing the home difficult. Mum is worried about her daughter's poor school attendance, but she struggles to have the energy to motivate her to get to school each day. Pray for a breakthrough in the daughter understanding mum's needs and the importance of her school attendance.
<b>Wednesday 11th February</b> Praise and thank God for the progress a young girl working with RISE has made. She has grown in confidence and her angry outbursts have significantly diminished. Her family are hugely thankful for the progress she has made.	<b>Thursday 12th February</b> In December Street Life asked for prayers for the huge number of people who are experiencing homelessness or rough sleeping. Praise the Lord, just before Christmas the worker was able to find accommodation for 7 households which is amazing in the current crisis. Please continue to pray for the other 100 plus households still in need.	<b>Friday 13th February</b> Praise God for the people who Street Life are supporting who made the decision to go into rehab to address their addictions. They are doing extremely well! Pray the Lord will continue to protect and keep them safe and enable them to resist temptations. John 8 V 36 "If the Son sets you free, you are truly free."
<b>Saturday 14th February</b> Please pray for the families that Street Life are supporting who find themselves homeless and in emergency accommodation. In some cases, they have been placed in another town, which makes it very difficult as their children are in schools in Bolton. Please pray Street Life will be able support them in finding suitable accommodation.	<b>Sunday 15th February</b> Street Life work with many people who have complex issues, not just homelessness. Please pray the team will be encouraged, filled, and led by God's Spirit as they seek to help and support each individual person. Ephesians 3 v 16: "I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit!"	<b>Monday 16th February</b> Please pray for Urban Outreach staff who are working with children and families today. Pray for good and honest conversations with the children, and that their carers or families would support them. Pray that these children would listen well and consider the situations they are facing carefully. Pray that positive outcomes would result in changed lives.

**"The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding!" (Isaiah 40:28)**

<b>Tuesday 17th February</b> Please pray today for single parents who are caring for children on their own, that they would be patient and thoughtful with their children. Pray that these parents would have support from family and friends. Pray that they would find community support from their local church and, through this, have God's love in their lives.	<b>Wednesday 18th February</b> Please pray for those we are supporting at the Genesis drop in. The majority are in accommodation; some in temporary hostels and others now in permanent accommodation. Our aim is to help avoid isolation, support them on their journey and celebrate the positive changes in their life.	<b>Thursday 19th February</b> Please pray for those who are fighting their addictions, asking that they will have the support they need and the willpower to stay strong when they face temptation. Pray that they may find strength in Jesus.
<b>Friday 20th February</b> There are so many reasons for people becoming homeless, some of those reasons lead to a breakdown in their relationships with friends and family. Please pray for restoration in those relationships.	<b>Saturday 21st February</b> Please pray for those who have struggled with the busy-ness of the week gone by. We ask the Lord for His blessing upon their weekend and that He grants rest for their bodies and minds so that they feel refreshed for the week ahead.	<b>Sunday 22nd February</b> Please pray for Dave, our CEO as he speaks at St Andrews church this morning. Pray for wisdom and clarity and a boldness to speak God's word, and that the hearts of those listening may be encouraged.
<b>Monday 23rd February</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.	<b>Tuesday 24th February</b> 1 Peter 5:7. "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Today, offer to God that which causes you stress and fear, and allow the Holy Spirit to give you peace.	<b>Wednesday 25th February</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.

**"Let us not become weary in doing good." (Galatians 6:9)**

<b>Thursday 26th February</b> Give thanks for four women whose cases have closed well - new work, new businesses, safe relocation, and protection from abuse. Pray for lasting stability as they step into this new season, and for continued strength, healing, and provision as they move forward beyond our direct support.	<b>Friday 27th February</b> Thank God for the safe arrival of a new baby and for mum and child doing well together. Pray for protection, peace, and bonding in temporary housing, and for God to open the door to a secure, permanent home in Bolton despite the current housing challenges.	<b>Saturday 28th February</b> Pray for the young woman seeking work in special-needs childcare. Ask God to guide her applications, open the right doors, and place her in a role where her experience and passion can flourish, bringing stability, confidence, and renewed purpose.
<b>Sunday 1st March</b> MIRACLES..... In scripture we read of one woman who 'touched' Jesus' garment and she was healed. In a world that is broken, in a country and a town that is in deep need please continue to pray that Jesus will lead us all, use us and that we would see miracles as life's are changed and impossible situations are overcome through His supernatural involvement.	<b>Monday 2nd March</b> LISTENING Seven times in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 we read... <i>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."</i> Please join us today as we are reminded not only to pray but to also listen carefully. What is God asking us to pray, today?	<b>Tuesday 3rd March</b> PRAY In 2 Chronicles 7 verse 14 we read <i>"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."</i> Please let this be the focus of our thoughts and prayers, today. Thank you
<b>Wednesday 4th March</b> Please pray for a 1 55 year old lady who is currently in a home for the elderly due to needing a wheelchair adapted flat. Pray they find her a place soon as she feels lost. She just needs a nice home.	<b>Thursday 5th March</b> Please pray for our UOB staff Away Day. That it will be Holy Spirit led and that everyone comes away having felt both challenged and refreshed.	<b>Friday 6th March</b> Please pray for a lady whose child may possibly go for adoption. Although their futures are unknown pray that God's Love will surround them and that "His Will, will be done" in both their lives.

**"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way." (2 Thessalonians 3:16)**

<b>Saturday 7th March</b> Please pray for a woman who has recently lost her way. Pray that she commits to change and has the strength to see it through; she has support waiting for her, pray she feels ready to take it.	<b>Sunday 8th March</b> <i>"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."</i> (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) It is important, especially during difficult times, to remember the good in our lives and the gifts God has given. Take space today to pray for those things you are thankful for.	<b>Monday 9th March</b> Please pray for the Children and Families team as they adapt to the recent changes in staffing in that team. Pray for Becki, the new member of the RUNA team, as she settles in and learns new skills. Pray that the team would continue to work well together and support one another through any difficult visits.
<b>Tuesday 10th March</b> Please pray for the trustees' meeting taking place today. Pray for wisdom and clarity in the discussions that take place and that God is at the centre of all their decisions. Please thank God for our trustees, for their commitment to the Charity and for their desire to seek Him in all they do.	<b>Wednesday 11th March</b> Today please pray for those young people who are home schooled for various reasons such as a bad experience at school or their anxiety stops them from going to school. Pray that they get the education they need at home and that they get the social interaction that young people need and aren't just left to their own devices.	<b>Thursday 12th March</b> As New Bury and Breightmet Pantries happen today, please pray for each person collecting a parcel. Pray that they would receive the right support for the challenges they are facing, as well as the food they come for.
<b>Friday 13th March</b> 'For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.' Psalm 57:10. Join us in praising and thanking God today for His never-ending love and faithfulness towards us. Please pray that we would be able to show His love to those we are working and interacting with each day.	<b>Saturday 14th March</b> Please give thanks for the wonderful volume of donations we have seen over this winter season, which allow us to continue providing food parcels to those who need help with food across Bolton, and for the generosity of all those who donated. Pray for this continued provision over the coming months.	<b>Sunday 15th March</b> Let us spend time praising God for the provision that Street Life has brought to the town over the past 26 years that it's been in operation. Praise Him for all the volunteers who have helped at the drop-in and the support worker who has been in position throughout those years, working tirelessly to support everyone, showing God's unconditional love.

**"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him." (Nahum 1:7)**

<b>Monday 16th March</b> Please pray for Street Life as they seek to support those who have been placed into emergency temporary accommodation, some with young children, and are finding it difficult living with people who have a chaotic lifestyle. Pray Street Life would be able to find them suitable accommodation soon and more private landlords will become available.	<b>Tuesday 17th March</b> The Street life Drop-In is open every Wednesday from 1-3pm at the Amber Centre on Snowden St. Please pray the staff and volunteers would be filled with God's wisdom as they seek to help those who attend. Pray they would experience God's unconditional love and grace as they spend time with us.	<b>Wednesday 18th March</b> Please pray for a young girl who lives in Bolton who is possibly being exploited. It is difficult to know because she is not wanting to speak about where she is going. Please pray that she will feel comfortable to open up to somebody and that she will recognise the risk of being away for days without an explanation.
<b>Thursday 19th March</b> Please pray for a teenage girl who has been moved out of Bolton for her safety. Please pray that she will meet positive influences and will get a community of support around her in her new area. We are hoping that this move will take her out of the difficult situations she is in and will enable her to thrive.	<b>Friday 20th March</b> Please pray for a child suffering repeated asthma attacks and frequent hospital admissions. Pray for healing, protection, and easier breathing.	<b>Saturday 21st March</b> Please pray for a family whose child is exhibiting extreme anger and violent behaviour towards family members. Pray for calm, safety, and understanding within the home.
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b> Please pray for a child having repeated seizures alongside difficult to manage thyroid problems. Pray for stability, effective treatment, and clarity for medical teams.	<b>Monday 23rd March</b> We thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to converse with you through prayer. Today, at 9am, our staff team have their weekly prayer meeting. Be with them, Lord, as they come together to share with You.	<b>Tuesday 24th March</b> Please pray for a young person known to RUNA who has had numerous missing episodes over the years, struggled with substance misuse and was at risk of exploitation. We thank God that the RUNA team have heard from his family and that he is now working and enjoying his job. Please pray that God continues to go before him and guide him.

**“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.” (1 Peter 5:7)**

<b>Wednesday 25th March</b> We thank God for Urban Outreach's relationships with schools. Every day our Children and Families team go in to schools to meet with young people in need. Thank you, Lord, for the support we also receive from so many children, teachers and parents in schools with their generous donations of food, money and other items to support those in need in our town.	<b>Thursday 26th March</b> Pray for God's ongoing provision for the food team. Give thanks for donations, partnerships, and resources that enable us to meet real needs in our community. Pray that supplies would be sufficient and well-timed, and that no one who comes to us hungry would leave without being cared for.	<b>Friday 27th March</b> Pray for everyone who accesses food support through Urban Outreach. Ask that each person would feel seen, valued, and treated with dignity. Pray that our food provision would be more than practical help - that it would also communicate God's love, compassion, and hope to those facing hardship.
<b>Saturday 28th March</b> Pray for staff and volunteers serving on the food team. Ask for strength, encouragement, and unity, especially on busy or challenging days. Pray for protection against burnout, and that God would continually renew hearts with joy and purpose as we serve others in His name.	<b>Sunday 29th March</b> John 12:13 "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, shouting, "Hosanna!" Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" As we continue to wait in expectant hope of Jesus' triumphant return, pray that the victory - already won - is experienced by all in Bolton.	<b>Monday 30th March</b> As we enter Holy Week and continue to shine Jesus' light to the people of Bolton, pray for all our teams and volunteers. Pray that each of us who knows Jesus as Lord and saviour, reflects Him in our words and actions with all we meet, so that all may come to know His peace, comfort, joy and love.
<b>Tuesday 31st March</b> Let's pray for a new depth to our faith in God's plan for the people of Bolton and through the work of Urban Outreach. Pray that we help draw together the love, compassion and hope of believers in the town, and demonstrate the transformative impact of a life knowing Christ.	<b>WISHING YOU A BLESSED HOLY WEEK</b>	

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