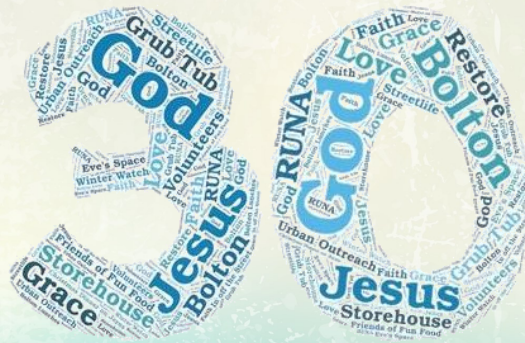


# Prayer Diary

## December to January 2021

Praising God for His Faithfulness through



years of "Binding up the broken hearted and setting the captives free"



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**Tuesday 1st , Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd December**

Dear friends we are delighted to say we have completed the purchase of Unit 4 on Trinity Retail park, it was quite a journey and still we have to raise more money to replenish our account. It is always amazing to see God at work in people's lives but also as in the way He engineers situations and relationships to bring about His plans.

We are now able to develop even further our work around poverty but more crucially this is the first phase of the Trinity Vision which will see not only humanitarian relief help but also training and employment in renewable energy technology giving all ages a hope and a future. Please continue to pray as we hope to see phase 2 completed with Bolton at Home securing the rest of the site by Christmas. Thank you.

**Saturday 5th December**

In these troubling times please pray that all teachers understand they are highly valued to students who find peace and enjoyment in their education. Pray they find the strength to deal with students who may be struggling with mental health issues and anxiety as a result of Covid-19 and its restrictions.

Please pray daily for:-

- **All Urban Outreach staff. For wisdom and protection in the many varied situations they find themselves.**
- **Our humanitarian response as we provide food, gas & electric to over 2000 vulnerable and shielded people.**

**Sunday 6th December**

Please pray for Dave as he preaches at Bank Top URC. Please pray that he will be able to share something of God's heart and provide people with a comforting and courageous message.

**Friday 4th December**

Please pray for a troubled young lady with a lot of negative things in her life at the moment. Her care home workers are doing everything they can to support her. Please pray for them so that the home remains a positive place for her to live.

**Monday 7th December**

Today is the Christmas Dinner on Jesus nominations closing date. Please pray that all the families that need a hamper will be added to the list and that each family will know that they are cared for and thought of.

*"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." (Isaiah 49:15)*

<p><b>Tuesday 8th December</b> During these strange and unusual times let us thank the Lord for His great love. Please pray that the team and volunteers have the opportunity to share God's love with every individual they come into contact with. " <i>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!</i>" (Hebrews 13:8)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 9th December</b> Please pray for a young girl of 14 who is being bullied on her estate and on social media. Pray that the bullying stops quickly and her self-esteem rapidly improves so she feels happy and safe in school and at home.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 10th December</b> Let us thank God for bringing families in need to Urban Outreach. Please pray for peace and protection over those who are facing hardships and ask for God's provision to help them through.</p>
<p><b>Friday 11th December</b> Please pray for a young lady who has her own flat but is too trusting and gives access to risky people. Pray the right authorities step in and protect her allowing her to settle into her new accommodation. Pray that she continues to engage with drug services and finally breaks free from addiction. Thank you.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 12th December</b> Please pray for a young lady who was raped in March. The trial is coming up and this will be a gruelling time for her. Pray for peace, protection and justice</p>	<p><b>Sunday 13th December</b> We are now in the final few weeks leading up to one of the busiest times of the year. Please pray for the food team staff and volunteers who are working non-stop to create our Christmas hampers, sorting the food, buying the food etc. and arranging the actual processes for the day they go out.</p>
<p><b>Monday 14th December</b> Please pray for the In Off The Street night shelter as we prepare to offer Severe Weather Emergency Provision (SWEP) to those who have no other access to shelter. The plan is for the street homeless to be given a warm welcome, a safe environment and a comfortable bed when a severe weather warning is projected.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 15th December</b> Please lift up in prayer all those who find themselves homeless this winter, many who will have never been in this situation before. Pray that they will access support and accommodation that will be their sanctuary.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 16th December</b> Let us give thanks and praise for the faithful volunteers that help out regularly during the year. Pray that God would bless them for their commitment and support and that He would fill them with His love.</p>

*"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret" ( Psalm 37:7)*

<p><b>Thursday 17th December</b> Please pray for young people who continue to go missing from home despite lockdown regulations. Ask that God will protect them and those they come into contact with from harm and from both transmitting and contracting the virus. May God work in their lives to allow them to make safer and more consistent choices.</p>	<p><b>Friday 18th December</b> Today is the first day of hamper packing for Christmas Dinner on Jesus. Please give thanks for all of the those that have donated items this year. Please pray for staff and volunteers that will be hamper packing—that they may feel a sense of camaraderie &amp; joy. Pray also for those receiving the hampers - that they may feel the peace and love of the Christmas season.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 19th December</b> Together let us thank God for Christmas Dinner on Jesus and all those who give their time to support, donate and deliver to families in Bolton. Also let us give thanks for those who bring this together praying a blessing over those who give and those who receive this wonderful gift.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 20th December</b> As the final preparations are made for the distribution of the Christmas Dinner on Jesus hampers, please pray that the whole project runs smoothly. Pray for all involved are kept well and the hampers bring joy to all who receive them.</p>	<p><b>Monday 21st December</b> We pray for those who have experienced extreme loneliness this year. We pray that their hearts and spirits are strengthened as we look forward to a new year.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 22nd December</b> Please pray that the peace of God floods the streets and homes of our nation. That as we celebrate the Prince of Peace becoming flesh, that same peace will be felt and experienced by all.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 23rd December</b> It is Christmas Dinner on Jesus day! Today is a day of great blessing where the name of Jesus is declared across Bolton. Please join with us in celebrating this and to pray for all those involved and for those receiving the hampers, that they would know that unconditional love and hope that comes from God alone!</p>	<p><b>Thursday 24th December</b> Please join us as we reflect on this year. A year that no one could predict, a year filled with fear, loss and unrest. And yet, God is Good and God is Love! Let us spend a moment reflecting on these two truths and allow them to give us fresh eyes as we look upon this last year. This Truth is our Hope!</p>	<p><b>Friday 25th December</b> Happy birthday, Jesus! Let us celebrate His birth and His life. Let us thank Him for coming to earth as a baby, bringing life and hope to us all. Please pray that each day be a celebration of who He is in our lives and the salvation He brings.</p>

*"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given...Prince of Peace" ( Isaiah 9:6)*

<p><b>Saturday 26th December</b> Please join us in thanking God for the greatest gift which He has given freely to us. His son Jesus Christ. We thank and praise God for the many blessings He gives us. Let us come before Him today with thankful hearts.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 27th December</b> Please pray for a female who desperately needs somewhere safe to live, away from ruthless gangs who are plaguing her and who wish to destroy her. Pray for God's protection over her life.</p>	<p><b>Monday 28th December</b> Please thank God for all our generous supporters, long-standing and more recent, who during this most turbulent of years have made financial donations to Urban Outreach. <i>"A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed"</i> (Proverbs 11v25)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 29th December</b> Please pray for the staff and volunteers at the Food Hub who are continuing to deliver food parcels during the festive period. Pray that they may recognize the unique way they are called to serve and ask God to extend a special sense of His presence to the people they will meet this week.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 30th December</b> Please pray for a young boy new to RUNA and ask God to shine His light into whatever situation is troubling him. Pray that the best people are placed to support him and that he is able to open up to somebody finding the comfort he needs. Please pray that he doesn't have to go through situations alone.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 31st December</b> Please give thanks for the RUNA team and their continued support for the young people of Bolton through a difficult 2020. Please pray for their strength, knowledge and wisdom moving forwards. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>Friday 1st January</b> Happy New Year and may 2021 bring more of the Kingdom of Heaven into situations and people's lives. We know this year is going to be tough as we build from some of the devastation of 2020, but build we will. Please pray as we continue to walk with the communities and individuals in greatest need.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 2nd January</b> Due to the £40 million cuts to the local authority we know funding will be a challenge. Please pray as we refocus our efforts on seeing individuals and families supported and as we build with local Churches a more resilient and sustainable future for the work of Urban Outreach and our partnership with them.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 3rd January</b> <i>Jeremiah 29:7 "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."</i> We have always appreciated our partnership with the Council and at the beginning of this year we want to pray once again for it. As mentioned yesterday it will be a tough year ahead, but we do seek the welfare of our town. Because God's heart beats for our towns and cities so should ours. May we all pray for them because God has asked us to but also because we are inexorably linked with them, spiritually, emotionally and financially.</p>

*"The Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world"(1 John 4:14)*

<p><b>Monday 4th January</b> Please pray for all those who are at risk of being made homeless this winter. Pray for those at risk of losing their jobs, those whose family situations are at breaking point, and those who are struggling to pay their rent. Please ask our God to meet them and bring light into their dark situations.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 5th January</b> Please pray for a middle aged man who has recently separated from his partner leading him to be sleeping rough. Street life is currently in the process of getting him accommodated and connecting him with all of the services who can support him. Pray he will be open to all the support on offer as he has had a bad couple of months.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 6th January</b> Please pray for a young couple sleeping rough due to being evicted from their last property. Street Life has been able to find them accommodation. Pray they will settle in to their new home, making changes to their behaviour and how they conduct their tenancy.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 7th January</b> As we begin this New Year let us not forget those who still find themselves in hardship and in need of food provision. Today food parcels will go out to many households on behalf of Storehouse and Local Welfare Provision (LWP). Please pray that what is received brings a light into an often dark situation.</p>	<p><b>Friday 8th January</b> Many food bags will be packed today ready for distribution to households across Bolton over the weekend. Please pray that they will be a blessing bringing hope and love to each home, and for the safety of our volunteers who so generously give up their time to make these deliveries happen.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 9th January</b> Please pray that everyone at Urban outreach will ..... Do all the good they can By all the means they can In all the ways they can In all the places they can To all the people they can For as long as ever they can</p>
<p><b>Sunday 10th January</b> Pray that today the UOB staff will be prepared to take advantage of every opportunity God gives them to speak about His love. Especially as food is distributed throughout the town.</p>	<p><b>Monday 11th January</b> Please give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever. Thank God for all the little and big miracles that we experience every day. Today let us reflect on the Goodness of God in all that we do.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 12th January</b> Please pray for our trustees who meet today. Give thanks for their steadfast and wise guidance and encouragement. Let us thank God who asking that He continues to be the guiding beacon of light over the year that lies ahead.</p>

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and He will establish your plans" (Proverbs 16:3)*

<p><b>Wednesday 13th January</b> As our weekly staff team meeting takes place this afternoon, please pray that God will continue to equip, strengthen and inspire us to do what He has laid upon our hearts – bringing His comfort and His healing to those who are broken and suffering in crisis across our town.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 14th January</b> Please pray for a young girl of 13 who struggles so much with anxiety that she is unable to go into her lessons in school. Pray that she receives the deep peace and confidence of God to be able to progress and get a good education.</p>	<p><b>Friday 15th January</b> Please pray for a female with severe mental health issues who is always trying to end her life. Pray for the right professionals to finally find out why she does what she does and feels the way she does. Pray for peace and protection over her mind.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 16th January</b> Please lift up all those in Bolton who are suffering in any way due to alcohol abuse and addiction. Pray that they will be able to break free of their debilitating addiction and for those affected by the alcoholism of others to be kept out of harm's way.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 17th January</b> Mental health issues have increased significantly during the pandemic and Christmas will have been a time of stress for many. Please pray for all those that are struggling with mental health issues; that they will be supported into the right services to address this area of their lives. Please also pray for God's healing in their lives.</p>	<p><b>Monday 18th January</b> Please pray for those that have lost jobs due to the pandemic, that they will get all the help and support they need with any financial hardship, and with finding other employment. Please pray that God will give them a sense of peace during this time.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 19th January</b> Please pray for the children and teenagers of Bolton, that they would have hope for the future and would see they can be involved in changes right now. Pray for the teachers, carers and other professionals whose jobs are involved in helping these young people, that they would be refreshed and encouraged during difficult times.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 20th January</b> Please pray for all families with young children who are struggling today. Pray for the churches that are near these families – that they would share God's love with them. Pray also for families that have children or young people who are struggling at home, that they would speak to people who can help them.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 21st January</b> Please pray for one of the men working with Support First who has recently completed a three month rehab for the first time. Please pray for his protection and for his mental strength as he adjusts back to normal life. Pray that now he is alcohol free he will also find true freedom in Christ.</p>

*"Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you" ( Psalm 55:22)*

<p><b>Friday 22nd January</b> Please join us in thanking God for a year's abstinence this week for one of the men working with Support First after 20 years of addiction. Please pray for his continued progress and for him as he moves forward into this year trying to build life back up to a new normal.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 23rd January</b> Please could you pray for a new home for a man working with Support First. He has lived in the same house all his life but cannot manage the home and feels overwhelmed and wants to downsize. However there are some difficulties to deal with before that can happen. Please pray for progress to be made.</p>	<p><b>Sunday 24th January</b> Please pray for those sleeping on the streets. Pray for those who can find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime, for those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in and for those who are cold, afraid and hopeless. Pray that they will find shelter, security and hope.</p>
<p><b>Monday 25th January</b> Please join us in praying for a woman who has been known to us for a long time. She has many hurdles to overcome and is often overwhelmed by all that she needs to do to work towards freedom from addiction. This often can often feel unrealistic for her but through God ALL things are possible!</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 26th January</b> Please pray for a lady who is struggling to come off drugs. She desperately wants to go in to a rehabilitation centre, but keeps relapsing and using. Pray she can reduce her drug intake enough so that they will accept her.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 27th January</b> Please pray for victims of domestic violence, those who suffer emotional, physical or sexual abuse at the hands of a loved one. Pray for an end to the violence and for help and support for the victim and the perpetrator.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 28th January</b> Please pray for those in financial difficulty, some for the first time due to Covid19, especially after Christmas. Please pray that people seek support where needed and do not wait until they are in unmanageable debt. Pray for capacity at debt advice centres to support all who need help.</p>	<p><b>Friday 29th January</b> Please pray for all those who are feeling lonely. Pray that God's peace and presence is felt by all. Pray that He draws close to people and reveals Himself to each and every person in Bolton.</p>	<p><b>Saturday 30th &amp; Sunday 31st January</b> Let us praise God for the protection and security that He has given to the building, equipment and the team that work in the Food Hub and pray this will continue. <i>"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God: in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:2)</i></p>

*"For He shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper." (Psalm 72:12)*