

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Father we praise you and give you thanks

Our extended Drop-in thank you Lord for all its new facilities and extra space. We give thanks for your provision and for everyone who donated, fundraised and prayed. We're so thankful that as well as new shower, catering and healthcare facilities, we can also offer new classes and more opportunities to the homeless men and women we see.

New Staff and Volunteers thank you Lord for the new Barnabus Volunteers and also for Stephen, Yvonne and Joanne, bless them in their roles. Thank you too Lord for all the faithful volunteers, staff and trustees. May they be full of your wisdom, purpose, grace and hope being of one heart; seeking the father's heart, to transform the lives of the homeless and vulnerable in your name.

New Activities thank you Lord that this year you have given Barnabus new strategies to help the homeless with addictions and getting into accommodation. Lord thank you for what you have done already; we trust in you for finances and that these will come to fruition in your perfect timing.

Our friends on the streets thank you for each and every person and for bringing them to Barnabus Lord so that they can be supported. Pray they will be blessed, restored and strengthened. Your word says that you will bestow a crown of beauty not ashes, praise where there is despair, joy where there is mourning. Thank you Lord that with you, all things are possible.

Connecting Charities, Services and Other Support thank you Lord for all of the other specialist services and charities Barnabus work with; bless them in their work so that together they can offer the very best support and solutions for recovery to those in need.

Provision Thank you Lord for your provision, ensuring that even without government funding or local authority support Barnabus has supported the homeless for 25 years. Thank you Lord for Peter Green, for his faithful and compassionate support for those in need, his inspiration and legacy which will continue with Barnabus. Bless him in his retirement and also his wife Beryl as she continues to serve at the Barnabus Charity Shop in Withington.

Hear our prayers, Father

Mathew 18 v 19,20 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.

We are so grateful for your support in prayer, please continue to hold those in need in your hearts and prayers.

Our Service Users and Clients We pray for those who are sleeping rough. Lord, so many are living chaotic or troubled lives, protect them we pray. Pray for the men and women whose lives are being ruined by addiction or abuse. Pray for those in prison and those who have just been released with no money and just the clothes they wear. Pray for those in hospital, for healing of mind and body. We pray for those in accommodation but lonely and struggling to cope financially and mentally. Pray they will all find God's peace and grace whenever they need it.

Support Workers Lord, help us engage so that we can address the many issues stopping those in need from accessing accommodation, healthcare and/or finding work. Lord, open their hearts so they can trust and connect with Barnabus and hear and accept our advice. We pray for continuing funding for salaries and training of Support Staff, so that Barnabus has all they need to provide the very best support and opportunities for our friends.

The Beacon pray that it remains a place of refuge, support and friendship for the many homeless people who come to the Beacon each week. Pray for the Volunteers and Staff who prepare food or help or lead sessions, so they can connect and inspire those in need through creative, practical and educational support and activities.

ReNu Up-cycling Project pray that Barnabus will find a new home and workshop for this project; funding for all that it needs to remain sustainable; also opportunities to sell items and employment and/or training opportunities.

Allotment Pray that gardeners or allotment societies with a passion for gardening would be interested in volunteering or providing support at our project with the homeless.