



PRAYER LETTER 22 – SEPTEMBER 2024

Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 21:13 NIBO)

On Sundays, we've been looking together at the end of the book of Acts. We've seen Paul being warned about going back to Jerusalem and his committed and courageous response (see above). We might not face prison and death here, but we do pray for a similar commitment and courage in serving the Lord Jesus in Rochdale. We want Rochdale Evangelical Church to be a long-term gospel witness to the community and for that to happen, we particularly need more clear believers to share in that work. We continue to really appreciate your prayers and support for us over the years and ask that you could continue to pray for faithful Christians to serve with commitment and courage in Rochdale's harvest field.



Autumn Outreach

- We've recently delivered around 500 *Life* magazines in the area and to people we know. Please pray people would read and respond positively.
- Two of us are about to start serving in the community by helping run Coding Clubs for children. Please pray this would lead to good opportunities.
- We've extended the time of our Sunday morning meetings to allow for "brunch" beforehand. Please pray this would make us more welcoming and people would come in.

Full/Part-Time Worker

We are investigating the possibility of another worker for the church, probably with a focus on outreach. Please pray for God to provide the right person and funds if this is God's plan for us.

Trustees and Members

- Very sadly one of our founder members and trustees died in August. Please do pray for her family, friends and the church as they grieve. We're thanking God for her faith and the witness of both her life and funeral.
- Please give thanks for two new members from Oldham Bethel Church who have come to help us. Please pray for them to settle in and that we would all work well together.
- We are currently in the process of welcoming two junior members to the church, which is an encouragement. Pray for them as they already serve actively.
- Please pray wisdom in appointing some new trustees.

Discipleship

- Give thanks that one of our new members is committed to helping with the preaching and pray Stephen, our pastor, will be able to make good use of the extra time.
- Please pray for more people to join in the Growth Group. We're enjoying studying Ephesians together.