

**Thank you for praying** - The Besom depends on God working through our prayers

If you feel led to give time to Besom by praying daily, perhaps you would like to focus as follows:

- **Monday:** Thanks and praise. Listening to God and his vision for Besom
- **Tuesday:** Practical life, this week's projects, van runs, administration
- **Wednesday:** Churches in York and their leaders
- **Thursday:** Core team (as we meet and pray today)
- **Friday:** People - givers, recipients and professionals

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The Besom takes referrals from these organisations, use this list to pray:

- Arclight
- Child Development Centre
- Children's Social Services (0-10, 11+, East & West)
- Children's Health and Disability Team
- Clifton Children's Centre
- Community Mental Health Team (West Sector)
- Compass
- The Exodus Project
- Foundation UK
- Future Prospects York
- Health Visitor (Acomb)
- Hob Moor Children's Centre
- Housing and Adult Services
- Howe Hill Hostel
- IDAS (Formerly York Women's Aid (& Refuge))
- Independent Living Skills Team
- The Melbourne Project
- Ordnance Lane Hostel
- Teenage Parent Housing Support Team
- The Pathway Team
- The Peasholme Charity
- Recovery Unit (Bootham Park Hospital)
- Salvation Army
- St. Antony's House
- York Carers Centre
- York CAB
- York & District MIND Advocacy
- York Housing Association
- York School-Home Support Service
- York Women's Counselling Service



# PRAYER LETTER

## Winter 2009/10

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**Please join us in praying for this work.**

*“And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”* Colossians 1 v10

## Your own response

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”*

*“Love your neighbour as yourself”*

(From Luke 10 verses 25-37)

**Pray** for God's guidance in making your own response to these verses and for His wisdom to know how to:

- Give time in your life to love your neighbour
- Put God first in every aspect of your life
- See the poor and marginalised in this world as God sees them

**Pray** for God to fill you with His Holy Spirit to enable you to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

**Pray** that God will show you who is your neighbour, and help and strengthen you to love them as yourself

## Your Church's response

*“Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?”*

(From James 2 verses 14-26)

**Pray** for your church leader to give Spirit led teaching to inspire your church members to love and serve the poor.

**Pray** that God will call into being fresh initiatives in your area to reach out to those in need and who do not know Jesus yet.

**Pray** that others in your congregation would come forward to take practical action to help the poor in your community.

**Pray** for Church members to discover afresh that giving as God wills is a joy and a blessing, not a chore or a duty.

## Besom's response

*“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”*

(From John 15 verses 1-17)

**Thank God** for so many answered prayers, from a houseful of furniture to a small rug which is a perfect match for a home, and the witness these have been for God's love.

**Pray** for the Core team:

- That they will depend wholly on God in prayer for all Besom's needs
- That they will serve the Church in York, enabling and facilitating God's people to give to the poor

**Pray** for the Besom Trustees, that they will keep Besom following God's vision.

**Pray** that Besom will glorify God in all they do and will be an effective witness to recipients and referring professionals.

### The Besom Vision:

The Besom helps people make a difference. It exists to be a bridge between the church and its community. It takes that which someone wants to give - time, skills, money or things - and finds someone who genuinely need it. The service it provides is free.