



PRAYER DIARY

For SAT-7 and the Middle East

June 2021

**TUESDAY 1 JUNE****CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

The next focus for our prayers is children and young people. The MENA is a youthful region – children and young people (aged 0-24) currently account for nearly half of the region's population. Pray that God will draw this generation to Himself.

WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE**BY THE WAY**

Pray that pre-teens will tune in to *By The Way*, a programme of skits and comedy on SAT-7 KIDS. Ask that they will find hope in Christ through this programme.

THURSDAY 3 JUNE**FROM AMEENA, AN EGYPTIAN MOTHER**

"I want to thank you for everything you are broadcasting. You are helping us become better mothers and fathers and raise a healthier generation. God bless you." Praise God for the positive influence SAT-7 has among parents and children.

FRIDAY 4 JUNE**INCREASED YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

This year, SAT-7 aims to produce more programmes for young people aged 15-29 for both television and social media. Pray this aim is achieved!

SATURDAY 5 JUNE**ENGAGING WITH ON-DEMAND**

Sixty-six per cent of young people in the Arab world now primarily watch video content on their smart phones. Usage of video-on-demand is also expected to double in the next three years.

Pray that young Christians in the region will engage with new on-demand service SAT-7 PLUS and that it will build their faith and help them share it with others.

SUNDAY 6 JUNE**FROM HANI, A VIEWER IN SYRIA**

"Hi Marianne, my name is Hani from Syria. You are the reason for my faith and knowing Jesus. I'm 17 years old and I love you so much. Thank you for the amazing childhood I lived with SAT-7 KIDS." Thank God for the positive influence of presenters like Marianne in the lives of young people like Hani.

**MONDAY 7 JUNE****A VERSE AND A STORY**

Thank God for SAT-7 KIDS show *A Verse and a Story*, which helps North African children grow in their faith through songs and Bible verses. Pray the show will provide special encouragement and friendship to children who don't have any Christian friends.

TUESDAY 8 JUNE**PRAY FOR RATEB, A BOY FROM LEBANON**

"Dear amazing teachers and SAT-7 ACADEMY! We love you so much because we learn, have fun, and grow with you." Thank God for SAT-7's educational programmes and pray children like Rateb will continue to learn from them.

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE**GOLPAND**

Praise God for *Golpand*, a children's series on SAT-7's Iranian channel, which teaches young Farsi-speakers about the Bible and encourages them to call in with their prayer requests. Pray for all who work on the show.

THURSDAY 10 JUNE**WINDOW OF LIGHT**

Pray God's blessing on SAT-7 ARABIC show *Window of Light*, which addresses current affairs and human rights from a Christian perspective. The programme, aimed at viewers aged 15-25, aims to present a positive outlook and counter the messages of fear and uncertainty which are rife in secular media. Pray that the show will be a source of light, joy and hope for young viewers.

FRIDAY 11 JUNE**PRAY FOR MIRNA, A TEENAGER FROM LEBANON**

"I'm 16 years old and I have a sister. I used to judge and bully other people, and I was addicted to social media. However, one day I was invited to a spiritual day and I met Jesus and decided to read my Bible. I then experienced the Holy Spirit and my life was changed." Praise God that He is working in the lives of the region's young people.

**SATURDAY 12 JUNE****CHATO**

Thank God that popular SAT-7 KIDS show *Chato* (shown left) is giving marginalised children a voice. Each week, the show invites on a child from rural Egypt to address a real-life problem in a fun and creative environment. Sherif, the producer, says not only children but also parents and teachers change their behaviour through watching.

**SUNDAY 13 JUNE****PRAY FOR TABAN, A VIEWER IN IRAN**

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I woke up today with a heavy and saddened heart, as I lost my mother a year ago. After much weeping, I remembered that you had sent me a devotional and I went to read it. I don't know a lot about Jesus but I am grateful just knowing that when I call on His name I am filled with peace. Please don't forget to pray for me and my son. I know your prayers will help me.”

MONDAY 14 JUNE**HUMANITARIAN CRISES**

Humanitarian crises affect a staggering 70 million people across the MENA, of which 8.7 million are refugees. These households are vulnerable to displacement, poverty and malnutrition, which has only been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray urgently for an end to these crises, particularly in Syria and Yemen.

TUESDAY 15 JUNE**FROM PIEVAND, A VIEWER IN IRAN**

“Greetings in the Lord. Thank you for your hope-giving message. Today I felt so listless and demotivated and your message was really encouraging.” Praise God that when viewers tune in to SAT-7, they receive moments of hope, joy and encouragement.

WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE

FREEDOM OF BELIEF

The next focus for our prayers is freedom of religion and belief – a right which many people in the MENA are denied. 19 of the 25 countries in which SAT-7 works are on the Open Doors World Watch List of the countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian.

Please pray for cultural and structural change to allow people the freedom to choose their beliefs and practise their faith openly.



THURSDAY 17 JUNE

FROM A VIEWER IN SAUDI ARABIA

"It would be wonderful to be able to express my beliefs openly. Pray that someday I will have that freedom in my family and my town."

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

CHURCH LEADERS

Ask God to grant great courage and wisdom to church leaders in countries that restrict freedom of religion and belief. Pray they will be able to access much-needed Christian resources.

SATURDAY 19 JUNE

PERSECUTION

Pray for justice and healing for those who are threatened, removed from schools or jobs, arrested, marginalised or imprisoned because of their beliefs.

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

FROM A VIEWER IN AFGHANISTAN

"I gave my life to God, and my husband wanted to have me arrested. I treated him with love. Now he accepts my being a Christian and has stopped threatening me. Give thanks for this change. Pray that even more change will come."



MONDAY 21 JUNE

FAITH IN FAMILIES

Pray for the many hidden believers who are forced to live out their faith in total secrecy and ask God to fill them with courage and hope. Join the prayers of isolated MENA Christians in asking God for their immediate family members to also come to Christ.

TUESDAY 22 JUNE

SAT-7 PROGRAMMES

Praise God for SAT-7 shows that promote freedom of belief. Through discussion programmes such as SAT-7 PARS' *Insiders* and SAT-7 ARABIC's *Enlighten Us*, and innovative dramas including *The Wall*, SAT-7 helps break taboos and open conversations about the right to choose and practise one's faith.

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

PRAY WITH TALITA, A VIEWER IN IRAN

"Lord, although your believers are subject to all kinds of persecution and dispersed all over the world, unable to be gathered together, I praise you for the technology that allows our hearts and spirits to be close. Our hope in the hardships is that you are with us, Jesus, and we worship you in our hearts. Pour your Spirit on your church, give us wisdom and make us fruitful. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

THURSDAY 24 JUNE

HEAVENLY WORSHIP

Rejoice that *Heavenly Worship*, a programme of Persian-language praise music, is enriching house church services throughout Iran. Viewer Babak wrote in to say, "I sing the songs with all my mind and heart and take part along with the musicians. I thank you for bringing the worship of the Lord to our hearts and homes."

FRIDAY 25 JUNE

FIONA BRUCE MP

In December 2020, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson appointed Fiona Bruce MP as the new Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief. She is a longstanding campaigner against religious persecution. Pray for her and for all who seek to ensure freedom of belief for Christians and others.

SATURDAY 26 JUNE

FREEDOM OF ACCESS

It is estimated that half of the world's population does not have internet access. Thankfully, satellite television reaches where the internet does not. Praise God that SAT-7 can still reach the most vulnerable and restricted, and that through it they can learn about Him.



MONDAY 28 JUNE

CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS

SAT-7 aims to represent and include all churches in the region. SAT-7 PARS has taken a step towards this goal by producing a series called *Christian Denominations*, which introduces the basic beliefs of different denominations and interviews pastors from a variety of churches. Pray that this programme will give audiences better understanding of each other and show how much Christians have in common.

TUESDAY 29 JUNE

MENA CHRISTIANS

The number of Christians continues to fall in much of the MENA, as many have fled due to conflict or persecution. Pray for strength and perseverance for the remaining believers and ask God to grow their numbers again.

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE

PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL

"I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (John 14:13-14 NIV). Thank God that He hears our prayers and ask for His will to be done in the MENA!



SUNDAY 27 JUNE

PRAY FOR AREZOO AND HER NEPHEW IN IRAN

"Your programmes have been so full of blessing for us. My nephew records the films from your channel and puts them on USB flash drives and passes them around to those who have no satellite television – many are getting blessed in this way. I thank God for you."

BECOME A

joy bringer

BECOME A JOY BRINGER WITH A REGULAR GIFT!

Thank you so much for your prayers for SAT-7 and the people of the Middle East and North Africa. God is answering them!

SAT-7 is watched by 25 million people across the region, and every day, over 1,100 viewers contact us for faith and fellowship.

Our powerful, faith-filled programmes bring life-changing moments of joy to those watching in the safety of their homes. Viewers like Yasmine from Jordan, who told us:

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Greetings to you all and the wonderful worship team. You made me dance like David! May we all be prepared to face any trials in Jesus' name.”

It costs just 50p to provide SAT-7 programmes to one person for a whole year. **So, a gift of £10 a month will reach 240 people over a year!**



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