



# PRAYER DIARY



**For SAT-7 and the Middle East**

July 2021



Mira, Sarah and Yola, presenters of SAT-7 ARABIC women's programme The Secret Within

Dear Friend,

**Welcome to your Prayer Diary for July to September.** We hope it helps you make time each day to pray for SAT-7 and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Some pages within offer general prayer points for SAT-7 and the region, whilst others focus on specific themes. In this issue, you'll have the chance to pray for MENA women, Lebanon, SAT-7 offices around the world, education and isolated believers.

As well as daily prayer points, there are a couple of articles in this Prayer Diary – including the powerful story of Abdel-Nour, an Amazigh viewer from Algeria who grew up hating Arabs, but whose heart was transformed by Christ. You can find more articles and the latest news on our website: [sat7uk.org](http://sat7uk.org).

Thank you so much for your prayers!

In His love,

*Emily Shurmer*

Communications & Resources Officer

## THURSDAY 1 JULY PROTECTION

Ask God to protect SAT-7's access to satellites, its studios and offices, and those who boldly express their faith on-screen.

## FRIDAY 2 JULY VIEWER RESPONSE

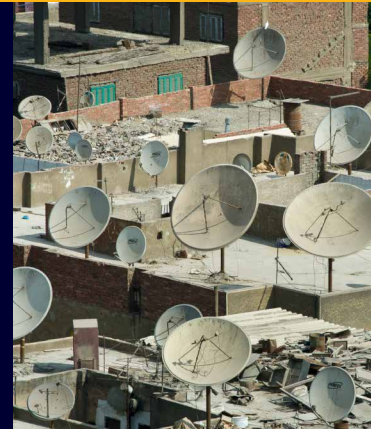
Over 1,000 people contact SAT-7's viewer support teams each day! Many of them want to know more about Jesus and Christianity. Praise God for so many opportunities to interact with, encourage and disciple SAT-7 viewers.

## SATURDAY 3 JULY COUNSELLORS

Give thanks for specialist counsellors who provide professional advice to viewers, to help them overcome depression or meet other challenges in life.

## SUNDAY 4 JULY CHRIST THE SHEPHERD

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28). Give thanks for SAT-7's voice to tell this Good News.



## MONDAY 5 JULY PRAY FOR SELEEM, A VIEWER IN LEBANON

"I used drugs, and I was a Christian only on my ID. I was spiritually dead and living in darkness. But one day I sought the Lord and asked for forgiveness, and felt the Holy Spirit. I repented and became a new creation preaching Christ." Praise God for this transformation in Seleem's life.



## TUESDAY 6 JULY WOMEN

Our prayers over the next few pages focus on women, who are treated as second-class citizens across the MENA. SAT-7's vision for women and girls is to see them realising their God-given value and dignity, to make their voices heard and to foster strong, secure and loving families. Pray that this vision will become a reality across the MENA!

## WEDNESDAY 7 JULY SAT-7 WOMEN'S PROGRAMMES

SAT-7 makes programmes especially for women, covering all aspects of their spiritual, emotional, social and physical lives. Pray that SAT-7 programmes not only help women grow in their faith, but also challenge societal attitudes towards women and inspire positive change.

## THURSDAY 8 JULY THE SECRET WITHIN

Pray for SAT-7 ARABIC women's show *The Secret Within*. Each episode brings together three women from different generations across the MENA to discuss important topics from a Christian perspective. Thank God that this important and influential programme gives a voice to women across the Arab world.

## FRIDAY 9 JULY FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

In April this year, Egypt announced tougher penalties for FGM. Pray that those who still perform this cruel practice will swiftly be brought to justice, and for strict enforcement of anti-FGM laws across North Africa.

## SATURDAY 10 JULY CHILD MARRIAGE

Child and forced marriage is common in the MENA. Iran has the lowest legal age of marriage for girls at 13 years old, and Yemen has no minimum age. Pray for an end to child marriage in the region.

## SUNDAY 11 JULY FROM YOLANDE IN ALGERIA

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**We agreed that our daughter would marry our neighbour once she's mature. But when I saw the early marriage clip and I remembered what happened to me, I gained a little bit of strength to fight for my daughter and stop what happened to me happening to her.”**

Praise God that SAT-7 changed Yolande's mind about early marriage. Ask that more and more viewers will experience this change in their hearts.



## MONDAY 12 JULY WOMEN ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SAT-7 ARABIC has a new social media brand dedicated to women. Pray that many Arabic-speaking women like, follow and engage with the new page and that through it they will find a supportive, inspiring community and greater closeness with Jesus.

## TUESDAY 13 JULY INSIDERS

Praise God for SAT-7 PARS women's programme *Insiders*, which gives women a platform to talk about taboo issues in Iranian society. Pray that, in openly discussing the challenges they face, women would have a new sense of legitimacy and hope for change.

**WEDNESDAY 14 JULY****LEGAL INEQUALITY**

No MENA countries treat women fully equally under the law. Pray for fast progress in this area.

**THURSDAY 15 JULY****HOMEMADE**

Women in Turkey are often expected to give up their careers to raise families. On SAT-7 TÜRK programme *Homemade*, Şemsa (below), the show's presenter, introduces viewers to successful Turkish professionals from all walks of life, empowering women through discussions about work, children and other key topics. Pray that *Homemade* will strengthen women to become positive changemakers.

**FRIDAY 16 JULY****MALE VIEWERS**

It is crucial not only that women are empowered to know their value, but also that men are shown how to treat women as equals. Thank God that many men are already watching SAT-7's women programmes with an open mind, and pray that even more will tune in.

**SATURDAY 17 JULY****PRAY FOR SAIT, A MALE VIEWER IN TURKEY**

"You are making amazing programmes. Men and women are equal. God made them equal. This is why the freedom of the woman is very important." Praise God that SAT-7 is displaying women's equality.

**SUNDAY 18 JULY****PRAY FOR RANYA,  
A VIEWER IN LEBANON**

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**I cried while watching your programme and seeing how women were fighting for their freedom.”**

Praise God for strong female role models on SAT-7.

**MONDAY 19 JULY****GENDER AND COVID-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic has deepened gender inequality globally, by limiting women's access to education and aid, increasing their unpaid domestic and care work, and contributing to increased domestic violence. Pray against these inequalities, and ask that they will not continue in the long term.

**TUESDAY 20 JULY****DESPITE ALL**

Praise God for SAT-7 ARABIC women's show *Despite All*, which shares the stories of female believers from Algeria and Tunisia on subjects like single motherhood, divorce, child marriage and cancer. Thank God that the programme helps North African women feel less alone and encourages them with biblical teaching and prayer.

**WEDNESDAY 21 JULY****PRAY FOR MELISA IN TURKEY**

"Thank you for making programmes that protect and inform women. I now know what to do if I am faced with any case of harassment." Thank God that SAT-7 is educating women with practical knowledge.

**THURSDAY 22 JULY****BIBLE DICTIONARY**

SAT-7 TÜRK has teamed up with the Turkish Bible Society to produce short videos explaining words found in Scripture. Praise God for this partnership, and pray the *Bible Dictionary* videos will help viewers better understand the Bible.

**FRIDAY 23 JULY****HOLY LAND**

Pray for God's will to be done in the Holy Land, and for peace and justice to reign there. Pray for healing for all those who suffered in the violence in May.

**SATURDAY 24 JULY****PEACE**

Pray for leaders of MENA countries to seek peace with God, with each other and with neighbouring nations.

**SUNDAY 25 JULY****PRAY FOR TALIA IN EGYPT**

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I'm struggling with thoughts like 'Does God really exist?' Please pray I will be on fire again for Jesus and see His love and truth."

**MONDAY 26 JULY****YOUTH ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Pray for SAT-7 ARABIC's new "Youth" social media brand aimed at 17 to 25-year-olds. Thank God for the opportunity to use social media as a positive influence in young people's lives.

**TUESDAY 27 JULY****DARE TO BELIEVE!**

Give thanks for the publication of *Dare to Believe!*, the thrilling story of SAT-7's first 25 years, written by SAT-7 Founder and President Dr Terence Ascott. Pray that its readers will be amazed and inspired by stories of the Middle Eastern Church.

**WEDNESDAY 28 JULY****TAKTAKA**

Many of SAT-7 KIDS' 5.6 million viewers are very loyal to programmes and presenters, but a new weekly show, *Taktaka* ("Bubble"), is offering highlights from series they might have missed, as well as backstage moments and fun chat. Pray the show will build an even deeper connection with young viewers to help them grow strong roots for their spiritual lives.

**THURSDAY 29 JULY****PRAY FOR A SYRIAN MOTHER AND DAUGHTER**

"I don't have a Christian background, but five years ago I found the true light in Jesus. I am 30, am married, and have a little girl. Pray for her to know Jesus too."

**FRIDAY 30 JULY****FINANCES**

Amazingly, despite the hardships of 2020, SAT-7 UK saw an increase in financial giving from new donors, regular donors and churches last year. Thank God for the generosity of supporters even in challenging times, and pray their gifts will help further His kingdom in the MENA.

**SATURDAY 31 JULY****RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Pray for freedom of choice and freedom to assemble for Christians and other minorities in the MENA. Pray particularly for those who want to become followers of Jesus but are afraid of the consequences.

Things began to change when Abdel-Nour met some people from a local church.

“They did not stop talking about Jesus Christ. I was a curious person, so I went with them to the church. I noticed that their faces were shining with love, a love I hadn’t experienced even in my family. I felt joy flooding my heart, but I did not realise who Jesus Christ was. Later, over time, I believed in Him,” he shares. Abdel-Nour had found God’s love, which had been missing in his life since he was taught in school that God was cruel and severe.

“Verses such as ‘Love your enemies’ (Matt. 5:44) and ‘If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing’ (1 Cor. 13:2) had a big impact on me. I loved and meditated on the Word of God, and this strengthened my faith, so I accepted Christ as the Saviour and Lord of my life,” he says.

Abdel-Nour was baptised, and over time, the Holy Spirit worked to change his heart.

“I began to love hymns in Arabic, a language that I hated before. God urged me to love what I used to hate,” he shares. His family noticed the change in him and showed interest, too. His father believed in Christ when he read the Bible Abdel-Nour brought home from church.

“Today I say that we are all brothers, whether Berbers or Arabs,” he declares. “When you believe in the God of love, He will fill you with His love and bless you. God changed the way I dealt with Arabs. I now have Arab friends.”

**Watch Abdel-Nour share his story at [sat7uk.org/abdel-nour](http://sat7uk.org/abdel-nour)**

## FREED FROM HATE TO LOVE HIS ENEMY ABDEL-NOUR’S STORY

**On SAT-7 ARABIC program *Free Souls*, produced in Algeria, Abdel-Nour shares his testimony of how meeting Jesus Christ set him free from a life of hatred, enabling him to learn to love his enemies.**

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“Previously, hate towards Arabs filled my heart. Today, that hate is replaced by love. Christ has radically changed my life. God loves us as we are, regardless of our nationality and language,” says Abdel-Nour, an Amazigh (Berber) man from Algeria.

Abdel-Nour spent his childhood and most of his adult life carrying hatred in his heart. Growing up amid political turmoil, he witnessed violence and humiliation from the Arab rulers of the country against the Amazigh tribes.

“I was a racist,” he says. “I disliked Arabs, detested and hated them.” He fought left and right against the Arabic language forced upon him. “At school, my marks were not good in Arabic because I hated it, so I dropped out of school. At home, when I saw my sisters watching films in Arabic, I turned off the TV.”

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## BRING JOY FOR GENERATIONS WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

### “ I heard about Christ through watching SAT-7.”

**That’s a story we hear so often – but for Lila in Iran, this encounter with Jesus changed not only her life but her whole family too.**

Lila and her brother happened to tune into a SAT-7 programme on addiction. Her brother was using drugs at the time, so the pair contacted the programme to ask for prayer. Our viewer support team prayed – and everything changed.

“My brother felt touched by the Lord,” said Lila. “Since then, he stayed away from drugs and became a believer! This miracle caused me to acknowledge Jesus Christ too.”

Lila’s husband Danial was also profoundly impacted. “After witnessing the beautiful things that happened in the lives of my wife and her brother, I too have bent the knee to Christ Jesus and come to faith in Him.”

Your support helped to bring life-changing joy to Lila’s family – and as their faith and witness grows, the impact of your support will be felt by many. **In the same way, a gift in your will can have an amazing impact, as you reach forwards to share God’s love and message with future generations. We know the need is huge.**

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