



# PRAYER DIARY



**For SAT-7 and the Middle East**  
August 2021

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## SUNDAY 1 AUGUST LEBANON

The tiny nation of Lebanon is the next focus for our prayers. The country endured multiple crises in 2020, including the explosion in Beirut's port, the COVID-19 pandemic, economic collapse and political instability. Lift the Lebanese people to God, and ask for His will to be done in Lebanon.

## MONDAY 2 AUGUST SAT-7 IN LEBANON

Thank God for SAT-7's biggest TV studio in Beirut, which produces many of SAT-7's most popular Arabic programmes for adults and children, including *From Heart To Heart*, *Spiritual Evening*, *You Are Not Alone* and *Allo Marianne*. Ask God to protect the studio and bless the talented crew who work there.

## TUESDAY 3 AUGUST REFUGEES

Lebanon hosts the world's largest number of refugees per capita – around 1 in 4 people in Lebanon are refugees, mostly from neighbouring Syria. Ask that God will equip people, churches and on-the-ground organisations to care for their needs.

## WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST BEIRUT EXPLOSION: ONE YEAR ON

Today marks one year since the explosion in Beirut's port that devastated the city and its people. Whilst the city is far from being back to normal, SAT-7 Lebanon Executive Director, Maroun Bou-Rached, remains hopeful: "God has not forgotten us. We are in His hands. And He will bring renewal and a new dawn to our country."

Pray for the ongoing rebuilding of the city and physical and emotional healing for its residents.

## THURSDAY 5 AUGUST FROM MOSSAAD, A VIEWER IN EGYPT

Join in the prayer of Mossaad, a boy from Egypt: "God please protect our friends in Lebanon and everywhere. Help all the people that lost their houses in the explosion. If someone's school was destroyed too, let him find a new one."

## FRIDAY 6 AUGUST LEBANESE CHRISTIANS

Christians make up around 36% of the population in Lebanon – the largest percentage of Christians in any Middle Eastern country. These include Maronite, Eastern Orthodox, Armenian and Evangelical churches. Praise God for the Christians of Lebanon, and ask that SAT-7 will help the Lebanese church thrive and grow.

## SATURDAY 7 AUGUST RESURRECTION CHURCH BEIRUT (RCB)

Give thanks for Resurrection Church, an Evangelical church in Beirut with a congregation of around 1300 people, which has been broadcasting its Sunday services live on SAT-7 since 2016. Thank God that RCB is making disciples and serving the local community in the city. Pray for its leaders, including senior pastor Hikmat Kashouh, and give thanks that his son Markus is now a presenter on SAT-7!

**SUNDAY 8 AUGUST****PRAY FOR NASHWA, A VIEWER IN LEBANON**

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**I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart because Christ has truly set me free. I am a different person, all the hatred and the toxic thoughts in my heart disappeared, thanks to God and certainly through your prayers. May the Lord keep you and protect you. I hope to God that this dark cloud over Lebanon will soon be scattered. We pray that times of refreshing come soon.”**

Praise God that viewers in Lebanon are coming to faith in Jesus through SAT-7.

**MONDAY 9 AUGUST  
ECONOMIC COLLAPSE**

Lebanon is enduring a prolonged, severe economic depression, with increasing inflation and a drastic reduction in value of the Lebanese pound, exacerbated by the port explosion's ongoing damage to infrastructure. Pray for much-needed and substantial government reforms to help get the country back on track.

**TUESDAY 10 AUGUST  
HEALTHCARE**

Lebanon's healthcare system is highly privatised, and the economic crisis and resulting increase in poverty means that more and more people are unable to access proper medical care. Those worst affected are the most vulnerable in society. Pray that God will make a way for people to access the medicine and treatment they desperately need.

**WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST****PRAY FOR BAHEER, A VIEWER IN EGYPT**

“My brother and I are orphans and we grew up in an orphanage. When we became adults we had to move out, and since then I have been suffering in all areas in my life. I started to work and things settled down, but it didn't last and I lost my money and job. I used to live in the streets and sleep under bridges. I am in tears as I am sharing my story. I now live by myself and don't have a job. I need your help and prayers. I feel that God has forgotten me, and I have no one else to go to or ask for help.”

Pray that God will intervene in Baheer's life.

**THURSDAY 12 AUGUST****FAMILY ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Pray for SAT-7 ARABIC's new “Family” social media brand, aimed at parents and children. Ask that it will help people build strong, healthy and godly families.

**FRIDAY 13 AUGUST****IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN?**

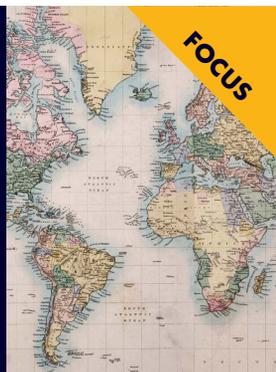
Give thanks for popular SAT-7 ARABIC programme *Is It Important to be a Christian?*, a teaching and discipleship talk show hosted by Lebanese pastor Father Ramzi Jriej (right) and now in its sixth season. Ask that it will continue to have great impact and help viewers grow in their faith.

**SATURDAY 14 AUGUST****PRAY FOR MAYA IN SYRIA**

“Please pray for me and for my daughter, that the love of God may be in our hearts. I am reading Bible verses to her daily but I'm afraid that I won't be able to teach her everything. Our society is not Christian and we don't have the Christian values at all. Plus I am afraid that my information won't be enough. Please help me.”

## SUNDAY 15 AUGUST AROUND THE WORLD

Did you know that SAT-7 has teams all over the world? Over the coming days, let's give thanks for the global family of SAT-7 support offices who raise vital funds, awareness and prayer support for the ministry.



## MONDAY 16 AUGUST UK

Please pray for the SAT-7 office here in the UK. Rachel Fadipe, Executive Director, shares: "We are very grateful for all the SAT-7 UK supporters who pray for, engage with and support SAT-7 and also for our team of staff, trustees and volunteers. Please join me in praying for refreshment and ongoing inspiration for all those involved with SAT-7 UK."

## TUESDAY 17 AUGUST USA

Rex Rogers, President of SAT-7 USA, tells us how we can pray for the USA office: "Please pray for health and healing for our staff, many of whom are struggling with ill-health. Pray too as we plan for SAT-7 Middle East HOPE, our annual donor event, this autumn. Praise God for his providential blessings over the past 18 months – what we thought might be a difficult time has actually been productive!"

## WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST EUROPE & ASIA

Kurt Johansen, Executive Director of SAT-7 Europe, Asia and Pacific, shares some points for prayer:

"Give thanks for the many SAT-7 partners in Nordic countries who give major financial support, and for growing support from European governments. Please pray for the use of SAT-7 to reach out to millions of

MENA immigrants in Europe. Please pray too for new openings and contacts in Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia, and new initiatives in South Korea, and pray for the board members of the small Hong Kong office."

## THURSDAY 19 AUGUST CANADA

SAT-7 Canada Executive Director George Glover says: "Please pray for wisdom and insight to grow our ministry in Canada, and ask for favour with churches and our donors across the country. Thank you!"

## FRIDAY 20 AUGUST BRAZIL

Reinaldo dos Santos, Executive Director at SAT-7 Brazil, tells us how we can pray for him and his team: "Let's pray the Lord brings potential major donors to SAT-7 and opens their hearts to join us. Let's also pray that the Lord inspires our team with strategies that move the Brazilian church to partner with SAT-7."

## SATURDAY 21 AUGUST CYPRUS

Our international office in Cyprus acts as a hub for the support offices and channels. David Middleton, International Communications and Development Director, says: "Pray for Nicoletta Michael and Maia Woodward in their leadership of the Development and Communications teams, and for plans to recruit and strengthen both teams in 2021. Thanks so much!"

## SUNDAY 22 AUGUST SAT-7 UNITY AROUND THE WORLD

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6). Pray for unity among SAT-7's offices as we pursue the same goal of making Jesus visible across the MENA.

**MONDAY 23 AUGUST****I CHOOSE YOU**

Pray for *I Choose You*, a SAT-7 ARABIC programme that helps couples prepare for a loving and godly marriage. Ask that the new 50-episode series will strengthen viewers' relationships.

**TUESDAY 24 AUGUST****PRAY FOR RAHMA IN NORTH AFRICA**

"I came to the Lord a few years ago and I want to continue to live for Him. I live in a remote village. Please can you help me find a group of people who can help me grow with the Lord?" Pray for Rahma, and thank God that SAT-7 was able to connect her with a group for discipleship and prayer.

**WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST****RITA EL-MOUNAYER**

Pray for SAT-7 International CEO Rita El-Mounayer. Thank God for her leadership, and pray that He will guide her every step. Pray particularly for wisdom for the coming months, as Rita and her team begin working on the goals and strategy for the next five years.

**THURSDAY 26 AUGUST****FROM A VIEWER IN IRAN**

"My uncle beats me, and my mother does nothing to stop it. When you prayed for me, I felt freed. Help me walk in faith." Pray for this unknown viewer, that they will be freed from this situation of abuse and find refuge in Jesus.

**FRIDAY 27 AUGUST****SAT-7 PLUS**

New on-demand service SAT-7 PLUS enables viewers to watch SAT-7 anywhere and at any time on mobile devices, web browsers or smart TVs. Users can share clips with friends and message ministry staff through the platform. Give thanks for the huge potential of this service, and pray that even more people will be able to access the shows and prayer support they need.

**SATURDAY 28 AUGUST****CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**

Pray for *Challenge Accepted*, a new SAT-7 KIDS Bible game show. Pray that it will show positive young role models to children and teens and give them a greater curiosity for God's Word.

**SUNDAY 29 AUGUST****PRAY FOR SAT-7 KIDS VIEWER CLAIRE**

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**I want to share with you my testimony. My mum has never told me she loves me. Her rejection hurts me. I asked God to help me because I don't want to be like my mother. God answered my prayers and He guided me to focus on forgiving her.”**

Pray that Claire will be able to forgive her mother, and thank God for the pastoral support she receives through SAT-7's Viewer Support teams.

**MONDAY 30 AUGUST****MINI CITY**

Pray for SAT-7 TÜRK programme *Mini City*, one of the few Christian television programmes for Turkish-speaking children. Ask that children will be entertained whilst learning more about Jesus and His love for them.

**TUESDAY 31 AUGUST****WORSHIP ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Pray for SAT-7's new "Worship" social media brand which shares videos of Arabic worship songs and hymns. Pray that the Holy Spirit will uplift viewers and bring them closer to God through these music videos.



## PASCALE AND NAJWA'S STORY A FAMILY RESTORED THROUGH CHRIST

**Pascale and Najwa, married SAT-7 viewers from Lebanon, shared their story live on the programme *Spiritual Evening*. Before Pascale encountered Jesus through SAT-7, he was filled with anger and hopelessness and his marriage to Najwa was on the brink. Now, he is transformed – and so is their marriage and family life.**

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**I want to thank SAT-7 ARABIC because it helped me learn about Christ and led me to salvation. Your programmes helped me learn to have love and compassion.”**

PASCALE, LEBANON

When Pascale first began watching the worship and testimony programme *Spiritual Evening*, his marriage to his wife Najwa was falling apart. “I felt lost. My son hated me and avoided me at home when I returned from work. All trust between me and my wife was gone,” Pascale says on the programme.

Najwa, sitting beside him, agrees. “I hated

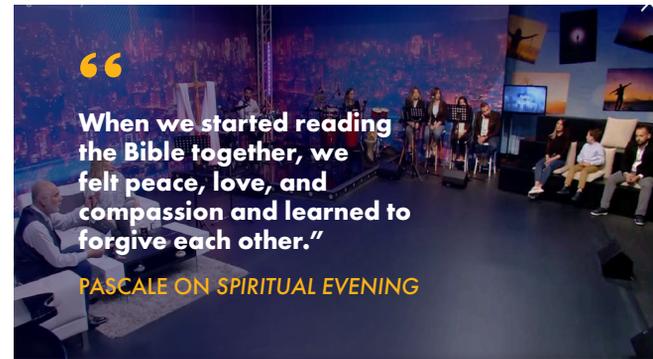
my husband and my life because we always fought. Our neighbours ran to my screams when we fought. I wanted a divorce. I even thought of committing suicide,” she says. Deciding to divorce, Najwa and Pascale led separate lives for six months, but could not find any comfort apart.

But when Pascale came to know Jesus after watching SAT-7, he and Najwa joined a local Christian group led by Tony Franjeh, the presenter of *Spiritual Evening*. Since then, their perspectives have changed, and their marriage has been restored through forgiveness, acceptance and respect for one another.

“When we started reading the Bible together we felt peace, love and compassion and learned to forgive each other,” Pascale says. Now, the couple pray as a family and set an example to their seven-year-old son, Hady.

“I read and finished my Bible. Now we have peace in our house, and we pray all the time, before we eat and before we sleep,” Hady says.

The couple appeared on an episode titled “Brotherly Love”, in which presenter Tony Franjeh explained how loving Christ involves accommodating the other.



“When you feel you cannot tolerate a person in your life and want them to change, remember that they aren't the one who is supposed to change – it is you who must be filled with love for them, through the Holy Spirit,” he says.

Stories such as Pascale and Najwa's are important to share in the MENA, where the pressures of economic crisis, conflict and the pandemic are pushing more families to their limit. It is crucial to support these families so that children like Hady can find peace and their parents can be strong role models for them at home.



**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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