

PRAYER DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2021



Education

WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER EDUCATION

After months of home learning during the pandemic, it's probably fair to say that many parents have a newfound appreciation for schools and teachers! But in the MENA, many children do not have access to this basic right – up to 15 million children and young people are out of school. Over the next few days, we'll thank God that SAT-7's educational programmes are providing opportunities for learning.

THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER SAT-7 ACADEMY

The vision of SAT-7 ACADEMY, our brand of education programmes, is "To inspire impactful, life-long learning across the Arabic-speaking world to help

build better communities and contribute to the good of society and culture." Pray that this vision becomes a reality.

FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER BACK TO SCHOOL

Pray for any children and teachers you know who are returning to school this week, that they will feel excited and ready for the year ahead.

SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER MY SCHOOL

Pray for complete funding for the fifth season of teaching programme My School, which provides on-air lessons for primary-school-aged children in Arabic, English, French, maths and science.

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER FROM RENALDA IN LEBANON

"I am Iraqi and now live in Lebanon with my 9-year-old daughter, who is in first grade in a Lebanese school. She is clever and is supposed to be in third grade, but because of the difficult circumstances in Iraq I couldn't register her in school there. She watches My School and has already learnt from it all the topics she is studying at school. I cannot thank you enough."

Thank God that Renalda's daughter has learnt so much through My School, and pray she will be placed in the correct grade at school.

MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER HIGH-RISK GROUPS

The most high-risk groups of children not receiving an education are those in conflict-affected areas, the displaced, those with disabilities or mental health issues, and those born into poverty. Praise God that "the lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety" (Job 5:11). Ask that He will protect and uplift the most vulnerable children in MENA society.

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER DR BEE

"Across the region, people lack health education because of our expensive and inaccessible public health services," says SAT-7 ACADEMY producer Juliana Sfeir. New programme *Dr Bee* addresses this need, offering vital information on childhood illness, hygiene, nutrition, child development and maternal health. Pray urgently for funding for this important and very necessary show.

WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

UTILISING TECHNOLOGY

SAT-7 is utilising all kinds of available technology to provide education in the most accessible ways possible, including programmes on-demand, an e-learning platform, catch-up videos on YouTube and Facebook, and simple learning tips on TikTok. Pray that children and young people will be able to access SAT-7's educational content in whichever way is most suitable to them.

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

THE COACH

According to UNICEF, four out of five children in the MENA are subjected to violent discipline at home. Educational show *The Coach* aims to undo generations of negative parenting methods and demonstrate healthy ways to communicate. Pray for presenter and family counsellor Dr Ihab Mageb (left), that he will be able to help parents create healthy and trusting family relationships.

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

PRAY FOR YARA

"I have two children, a six-year-old girl and a three-year-old boy. I learn a lot

from *The Coach*, and I apply what I have learnt with my kids. It's making a big difference." Thank God that *The Coach* is having a positive impact in viewers' family lives.

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

FROM GAMEELA, A VIEWER IN LEBANON

"I learned how to spell from you, and when I watched your Maths lessons I learned how to solve division problems. I didn't know how to write in French but now I do, because I watched all the French videos on YouTube. Thank you because you never get tired of teaching us!" Give thanks that Gameela has learnt so much through SAT-7 ACADEMY!

General

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

PRAY FOR KAMYAB IN IRAN

"Nine months ago I asked you to pray for me. God helped me – it is now eight months since I stopped using drugs and alcohol. I am no longer without hope and I am grateful to you. Please pray for me because I am unemployed and it upsets me."

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

DAILY BREAD ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SAT-7 ARABIC's new "Daily Bread" pages on social media offer daily encouragements from the biblical words and teachings of Jesus. Pray that these pages will be a source of life for all who follow them.

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

ALLO MARIANNE

Praise God for SAT-7 KIDS show *Allo Marianne*, in which presenter Marianne connects with young viewers and teaches them how to face difficulties with God. Mabrouk in Egypt got in touch to say: "I learned a lot from *Allo Marianne*, like how to get closer to God. I also shared with my parents and learned to respect others. I love the programme a lot, it is the best, and I love Marianne. Thank you God for this programme and everyone working on it."

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

MENA internet connections can be inconsistent! Pray that technical difficulties will not be a barrier to seekers who want to watch SAT-7 through online platforms.

Isolated believers

THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

ISOLATED BELIEVERS

Less than 1% of the world's Christian population lives in the MENA, which inevitably means many believers are isolated. Government restrictions, social hostility and discrimination also contribute to the isolation of Christians in the region.

Over the next few days, please join us in praying for people across the MENA who are living out their faith alone, and thank God for the comfort and community that SAT-7 provides.

FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

NEW BELIEVERS

New Christians from other religious backgrounds can become completely isolated within their own homes due to family hostility. Pray that God will give perseverance and strength to these lone believers.

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

PRAY FOR BARIS IN TURKEY

"I am a new believer, and my family is very upset. Pray for me to have strong faith, even if they send me away with no place to go."

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

Thank God for live theology show *Principles of Faith* on SAT-7 PARS. Pray that it will answer questions new Farsi-speaking Christians have about God's will and His Word.

MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

PRISONERS

Many Christians in the MENA, particularly in Iran, suffer in prison for their faith. Pray that God will protect them from abuse, depression and disease, and ask Him to fill them with the Holy Spirit so they can witness boldly to those around them.

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

PRAY FOR FARHAD IN IRAN

"Interrogations, physical searches, and isolation in prison have left my friend traumatised. She is home now. Pray Christ will heal her emotionally."

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

For believers living out their faith alone, watching a church service on television can be a lifeline and help them feel like they are part of a wider Christian community. Thank God for church services from across the MENA (like RCB in Lebanon, above) that are broadcast on SAT-7 every week.

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

PRAY FOR MUSA IN AFGHANISTAN

"It is so dangerous here to try to find another Christian, but I watch your programmes on Facebook. Pray for freedom to meet a believer." Thank God that Musa is able to watch SAT-7 programmes on social media, and pray he will be able to connect safely with other Christians.

FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN OF ISOLATED BELIEVERS

Pray for new Christians who are now raising their children to know about Jesus too. Ask that this new generation of believers will be encouraged and resourced by SAT-7's children's shows as they grow up, and that they will be steadfast in their faith.

SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
THE LOVE OF CHRIST

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

Praise God that even though many believers in the MENA are cut off from others, they are never alone and can never be separated from His love.

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
PRAY FOR MOJDEH IN IRAN

“I want to thank you for all the messages that you send to us, even though sometimes we don’t reply out of fear. I want you to know that although the doors of churches in Iran have been shut, each one of us here is a church. Through the messages that you send us via WhatsApp each week, it is as though you bring church into our homes and bring us out of our loneliness and isolation.”

Praise God for the support SAT-7 has provided to Mojdeh, and pray he will be kept safe from harm.

General

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
STANDARD TALK

Standard Talk is the first series from a new production team in Tunisia. Presenters Ahlem, Kamel and Chebib focus on the relationships between believers and God, the Church and society. Pray that *Standard Talk* will encourage North African Christians to discuss, reflect and explore the faith more.

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
PRAY FOR SAT-7 VIEWER TALA

“I’m from a different background but I read the Bible every day and I pray for you, SAT-7 family, because you introduced me to Jesus. I want to thank you all very much and pray that God will use you to guide many people to Christ.” Praise God for the many individuals like Tala who are discovering Jesus through SAT-7.

WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
MAKING A WAY

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland” (Isaiah 43:19). Praise God that His Spirit is moving in power in the MENA and making a way for people to come to know Jesus.

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
PRAY FOR YASMIN VIEWER IN IRAN

“Greetings to you dear friends. I wish you ongoing success. I am grateful to your wonderful channel for opening our eyes with your beautiful words. Through you and the love of God we were able to find the way to joy.” Praise God that Yasmin and viewers like her have found the joy of the Lord through SAT-7.



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