

# PRAYER DIARY

OCTOBER 2021



## FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER

### PRAISING GOD

“It is good to praise the LORD” (Psalm 92:1). Join us in honouring Him for His goodness to SAT-7 over the past 25 years.

## SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER

### HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

Pray for Kenzy, a Middle Eastern woman who contacted our women’s social media page to say that she is tired because everything is going badly in her life. Our team sent her a Bible verse and a link to a sermon video, and Kenzy replied: “Thank you for remembering me, you are the only one who gives me a little hope.” Praise God that SAT-7’s digital media and online teams are bringing Jesus’ hope to those who need it.

## SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

### THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

“The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand” (Revelation 8:4). As you spend time in intercession for SAT-7, be encouraged that you are joining with thousands of supporters in the UK and around the world. Thank God that he hears our collective prayers – and answers them!

## MONDAY 4 OCTOBER

### PRAY FOR HAMSA IN TUNISIA

“Hi, this is Hamsa from Tunisia. I gave my heart to Jesus eight years ago. I have been watching you for many years now and I have been so blessed by you and I have benefited a lot from your testimonies. I love you so much, may the Lord bless your lives.” Pray that God will continue to work in Hamsa’s life.

## Afghanistan

## TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER

### AFGHANISTAN

The first urgent focus for our prayers is Afghanistan, where there seems to be no end to the suffering of its people. Ask that God will continue to speak powerfully to Afghans through SAT-7’s Persian channel.

## WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER

### TALIBAN RULE

The withdrawal of foreign troops and subsequent takeover by the Taliban has reversed two decades of progress towards democracy and freedom in Afghanistan. Pray for God’s will to be done in this beleaguered country.

## THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER

### AT-RISK GROUPS

A return to Taliban rule will have dire consequences for women, minorities and Christian believers. Many are reeling from the sudden loss of freedom and are now afraid for their lives. Pray for strength, safety and courage for those who are at risk.

## **FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER**

### PRAY FOR A VIEWER IN AFGHANISTAN

“As Christians we are in real danger. Sadly, in the past two to three days, my family and I have received death threats. In this emergency situation, I have no other way but to escape from the country. Please be our voice; please help us to be heard so that we can flee from this hell as soon as possible.” Pray for safety for this believer, and ask that SAT-7 will be a voice for Afghan Christians.

## **SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER**

### SIGNAL

Afghanistan is second only to North Korea in the World Watch List of countries where Christians experience the most severe persecution in the world. Many believers are struggling alone. Give thanks for SAT-7 PARS show **Signal**, which provides viewers with teaching, comfort, fellowship and the love of Jesus amidst the troubles and uncertainties of life.

## **SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER**

### WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

After decades of insecurity and violence, Afghanistan is experiencing a mental health crisis: it is estimated that half the population experiences depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress. But these illnesses are extremely under-resourced and often stigmatised.

Praise God that SAT-7 programmes are raising awareness of the importance of mental health. Pray for a shift in attitudes and greater provision of services so that people in Afghanistan, and across the region, can access the support they need.

## **MONDAY 11 OCTOBER**

### THE HAZARA PEOPLE

Afghanistan’s minority Shia Hazara community have been the target of many atrocities by militants, including a school bombing earlier this year. Ethnic Hazara are also the community that have seen the largest number of Afghans turning to Christ. Pray urgently for God’s protection over the Hazara people.

## **TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER**

### SECRET OF LIFE

*Secret of Life* is a Bible teaching programme in Dari, Afghanistan’s most widely-spoken language. Produced by SAT-7 partner Pamir Ministries, the series mixes practical advice with easy-to-understand Bible teaching. Praise God that Afghan Christians are finding hope and encouragement through the show.

## **WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER**

### DRUG ADDICTION

Afghanistan accounts for around 90% of the world’s opium production, and there are millions of drug users in the country – including increasing numbers of women and children. SAT-7 PARS receives many messages from viewers struggling with addiction. Pray that they will be able to access the support they need, and that they will find true freedom in Christ.

## **THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER**

### **ETHNIC DIVIDES**

Afghanistan's diverse population consists of several ethnic groups, and conflict over the last 40 years has led to ideological divides. Pray for a spirit of acceptance and equality among the Afghan people, and praise God that SAT-7 broadcasts a message of unity. "Whether we are Pashtun, Tajik, Hazara, Uzbek or Turkmen, all of us are made one in Jesus Christ," shares Shoaib Ebadi, Afghan presenter of *Secret of Life*.

## **FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER**

### **THE AFGHAN CHURCH**

Though entirely underground, the church is growing rapidly in Afghanistan. Shoaib Ebadi explains: "They meet in pockets of small groups and most are under 25 years old. They are the hope of the country – they will build the church." Pray that the Church in Afghanistan will continue to grow, even under the harshness of Taliban rule.

## **General**

## **SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER**

### **NEW SEASONS**

Many Arabic programmes such as *Spiritual Evening*, *From Heart to Heart* and *You Are Not Alone* have now returned to production after a summer break. Pray these new episodes bring refreshment and peace to viewers.

## **SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER**

### **FROM A VIEWER IN SYRIA**

I watched SAT-7 KIDS in secret for ten years. When I was kidnapped during the war, I comforted myself by repeating the songs I learned on the shows."

Thank God for the impact SAT-7 had in this viewer's life, and for the deep joy and comfort He brings even in unimaginably dark situations.

## **MONDAY 18 OCTOBER**

### **FIRES IN ALGERIA**

In August, more than 70 wildfires occurred in the north of Algeria, leading to the deaths of 40 people. Pray for restoration and healing for the country and the people affected.

## **TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER**

### **PRAY FOR KAMLA**

Kamla got in touch on social media to say: "SAT-7 Family, how sweet are your words! They give serenity to the heart and the soul. May the Lord reward you with every good thing for what you are doing for us."

Praise God that people like Kamla are receiving peace through SAT-7's social media pages.

## **Reaching everyone everywhere**

## **WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER**

### **REACHING EVERYONE EVERYWHERE**

A core purpose of SAT-7 is to make the Gospel available to everyone, everywhere in the MENA, and to help them understand its message. Over the coming days, let's pray God's blessing on this big goal, and ask Him to increase SAT-7's reach.

## **THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER**

### 25 MILLION VIEWERS

Millions of people in the MENA do not have ready access to the Gospel, and the Christian population of the region has diminished from 10% in 1900 to only 3.5% today. Praise God that SAT-7 is making Jesus known to more than 25 million viewers.

## **FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER**

### PRAY FOR FILIZ, A VIEWER IN TURKEY

"I praise Lord Jesus Christ for touching my heart, for changing me by coming into my life. I pray that everyone in the world can taste this grace and love. I want to thank you all so much for being the tools for the Gospel." Thank God for the change knowing Jesus has made in Filiz's life.

## **SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER**

### OVERCOMING RESTRICTIONS

Most countries in the MENA region restrict or prohibit Christian worship or witness, and the distribution of Bibles and Christian resources is discouraged or even banned. In this context, thank God that SAT-7 can reach past state censorship into people's homes. Pray for greater freedoms for Christians in the MENA.

## **SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER**

### PRAY FOR CAROLINE, A VIEWER IN MOROCCO

I feel that the Lord is piercing peoples' hearts from different background – it's reaching even their leaders. I am not a Christian but I am very happy that you are sharing the Gospel in the countries of North Africa. I hope Christianity continues to grow."

Praise God that even those who aren't believers can see the impact of His love in the MENA.

## **MONDAY 25 OCTOBER**

### FUNDING

SAT-7 wouldn't be able to reach anyone anywhere without funding! Pray that God will continue to provide the vital financial resources needed to make and broadcast programmes.

## **TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER**

### KEEP ON SINGING

Popular music and worship show *Keep on Singing* encourages viewers to praise God in every circumstance and gently draws in those who are unfamiliar with the Christian faith. Praise God for the power of worship to change people's hearts.

## **WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER**

### DIALECTS

SAT-7 is increasingly making programmes in some of the minority languages and dialects of the MENA, such as Tunisian Arabic, Kabyle, Tajik, Azeri and Dari. Thank God that SAT-7 is helping viewers hear the message of Jesus' love in their own languages, and pray for greater funding for programmes in minority dialects.

## **THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER**

### BIBLE HEROES

Reaching "everyone everywhere" encompasses every generation – including the children and young people of the MENA. Praise God that SAT-7 KIDS shows are making the Bible and Christianity relevant, fun and interesting to Arabic-speaking children – shows such as Bible Heroes (above), a gameshow that introduces biblical characters and teaches children about the love of God.

## **FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER**

1000 CONTACTS A DAY

SAT-7 receives an average of 1,000 viewer contacts a day! Thank God for this strategic opportunity to make His love known in each interaction.

## **SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER**

CHRISTIAN NEWS SERVICE

Non-Christian viewers might not necessarily watch a televised church service or discipleship programme, but many do tune in to SAT-7's Turkish channel to watch the news. *SAT-7 TÜRK HABER* provides reliable news about Christians and the Church – vital in a country which often portrays Christians negatively. Pray that this news programme will start to change Turkish viewers' misconceptions of Christianity and open their minds to the possibility of a relationship with Jesus.

## **SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER**

FROM AZMY, A VIEWER IN EGYPT

Thank you SAT-7 for the ministry of the good news! God bless you all for the efforts to spread His love everywhere."

Pray that everyone in the MENA will have the opportunity to hear about the love of Jesus.



*Names of viewers throughout have been changed.*

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