



PRAYER DIARY

For SAT-7 and the Middle East
November 2021

MONDAY 1 NOVEMBER

FROM ALICAN, A VIEWER IN TURKEY

"Last month, a thief broke into our house and stole my Bible along with my bag. Maybe this is good news... Maybe that thief will come to know God in this way. God's works are incomprehensible. I don't have the Bible right now, so I asked you to help. Thank you for sending me a Bible."

Pray that the person who stole Alican's Bible will read it and come to know Jesus!



TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

TIMO

In SAT-7 KIDS show *Timo*, a 3D character from space comes to earth and learns stories about Jesus. Ask that it will attract and inspire young viewers, and that it will give them a lifelong love for Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

FROM KHALIL, A VIEWER IN EGYPT

"A co-worker found out I am Christian. He told the boss, and I lost my job. Ask God to help me find a safe place to work to care for my family."

Pray for Khalil and other Christians like him who have been discriminated against at work because of their faith. Ask God to provide for them.

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER

REFUGEES

A viewer in Lebanon got in touch to say: "I am a woman from Iran living alone with my daughter in a refugee camp. I am in limbo with no country. Pray for us to build a new life somewhere."

Lift up in prayer the millions of Middle Eastern people who are currently living in refugee camps. Pray for safety from disease, violence, hunger and other dangers.

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER

KASR EL-DOBARA CHURCH SERVICES

Every Friday morning, a church service is broadcast live on SAT-7 from Kasr El-Dobara, an evangelical church in Cairo's city centre. Pray it will inspire viewers in heartfelt worship to the Lord and encourage them in their faith – particularly those who have no church family of their own.

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR BARDIA IN IRAN

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How good it is to die for Your name, for You have said if anyone loses his life for me I shall preserve him. Still, may it be that before our physical passing we get to see freedom from bondage.”

Give thanks for Bardia's faith under persecution in Iran, and join in her prayer that Christians there will one day be able to worship freely.





SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER

SAT-7 IN THE UK

Over the next few days, please pray for everyone involved in SAT-7 in the UK. Our support office, based in Chippenham, exists to raise funds, engage supporters and inspire prayer for SAT-7's work in the Middle East. We would really value your prayers for us as individuals, our team, and all our work and activities in the UK.

MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER

LEADERSHIP

Pray for Executive Director Rachel Fadipe and the leadership team at SAT-7 UK, that the Holy Spirit will guide and lead them – particularly as plans are made and budgets set for 2022.

TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER

STAFF TEAM

Please pray for us, the UK staff team, based in the Chippenham office and around the country. Ask that we will be inspired and effective as we seek to engage churches and supporters, communicate about SAT-7 and raise vital funds for the ministry.

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

STAFF FAMILIES

Please pray for the families, parents and children of the SAT-7 UK staff – as a team, our children range from age 1 to age 40! Ask God to be close to our families and supply all their needs.

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER

SUPPORTERS

Give thanks for SAT-7's supporters in the UK – like you! – who pray, give and help the ministry in so many ways. Thank God that He chooses to include all of us in His great worldwide mission.

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

AMBASSADORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Thank God for the many UK Ambassadors and volunteers who give up their time and energy to serve the ministry and represent SAT-7 in their churches and networks. Ask Him to bless them in their roles. Pray too that the Holy Spirit will inspire new volunteers and Ambassadors to take up the mantle!

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER

TRUSTEES

SAT-7 UK is headed up by a dedicated board of trustees, who are responsible for the governance and overall strategic direction of the charity. Please join us in thanking God for our trustees, and pray that God will fill them with His wisdom, energy and vision.

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER

CHURCH PARTNERS

Please pray for SAT-7's new Church Partnership programme, which allows churches to choose, support and pray for a particular people group in the MENA. Please pray that UK churches will get involved, and that through these partnerships even more lives will be impacted across the MENA.

MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER

TURNING POINT

In addition to navigating social pressures, family expectations, relationships and academic challenges, young adults in Turkey also face an economy that is in decline.

Praise God for the recent series of SAT-7 TÜRK youth programme *Turning Point* (below), in which panellists and callers discussed everyday issues in Turkey. Pray for the continuing impact of this programme, that it gives young people biblical wisdom, leadership skills and hope for the future.



TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR HOSHYAR, A VIEWER IN IRAN

"Every time you have spoken with me and prayed, the Lord has given me His assurance that all things are secure in His hands, and the things that I had been seeking He brought to pass in a wonderful way." Praise God for answered prayer.

WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

NETWORK 2022

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the plans for NETWORK 2022, next year's gathering of staff and supporters. After in-person conferences had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021, please pray that NETWORK 2022 will be able to go ahead!

THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER

MARRIAGE PROGRAMMES ON SAT-7

After watching SAT-7 ARABIC marriage show *From Heart to Heart*, viewer Ekbal got in touch to say: "I am always impressed by your openness. You encourage the youth to enter into marriage with maturity and awareness, knowing they will need to make an effort on a daily basis."

Pray that marriage advice programmes on SAT-7 will continue to help couples build their relationships on the firm foundation of Jesus.



FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR RAHMA IN SAUDI ARABIA

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I am afraid that if I tell my family that I believe Jesus is Lord, they will forbid me to leave the house. Pray for me to know God's guidance about this."

Pray that Rahma will be filled with courage and boldness, and thank God that whatever happens, she will not be separated from the love of Jesus.

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER FROM A VIEWER IN IRAN

"I watched the Jesus film many times... I want to say three times like Peter, 'I love you, Lord.' Pray for my unbelieving uncle to meet Him too." Ask that this film of Jesus' life will continue to bring viewers to Him.

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

SAT-7 KIDS is showing a series of Arabic-language episodes of the *Chronicles of Narnia*. Pray that children and parents will experience a revelation of Christ and better understanding of Christian principles as they watch these beloved stories.

MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER SAT-7 PLUS

Thank God that viewers are using SAT-7's new video-on-demand streaming service, SAT-7 PLUS, to get in touch using their smartphones. Pray that our viewer support teams will be able to answer their questions.

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER SHAMS WA FANN

An art and drawing show for children, *Shams wa Fann (Sun and Art)*, is now broadcasting on SAT-7 KIDS. Ask that the Holy Spirit will use the show to help young viewers express themselves creatively.



WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER THE CHURCH IN THE MENA

During Advent, our special daily prayer guide will help you pray for the Church across the Middle East and North Africa as they "Watch and Wait" for Jesus and His coming (see p26 to find out more). In the next few days as we approach the end of November and the beginning of Advent, we will begin to set the scene by praying for the Church in the region.

Let's start by thanking and praising God for the presence of faithful followers in every country of the MENA, many of whom can trace their church history back to Pentecost. Thank God for this powerful heritage, and ask him to grow His Church in the region for His glory.

THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER CHURCH UNITY

The MENA is home to a rich diversity of church traditions and denominations, some of them founded by the very first disciples of Christ. Sadly, historically these different churches have not always been in agreement with one another. Pray that the Church in the MENA will stand united in Christ.

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER**TOGETHER AGAIN**

Praise God that many churches are getting back to normal after the pandemic. Ask that He will fill us all with a renewed sense of gratitude, joy and mission as we attend church services in person.

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER**MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

SAT-7 works closely with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), which describes itself as a "regional organisation which brings together churches in the East for a common Christian witness in a region where Christ was born, lived, died and resurrected". Thank God that the churches of the region are standing together, and pray the MECC will be a positive witness for Christ in the region.

**SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER****FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Pray for all the churches and individuals across the country who will be using SAT-7's Advent Prayer materials in the coming weeks. Ask that as they use these, the Holy Spirit will fill them with God's love for His people in the MENA.

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER**BELIEVERS WITHOUT CHURCHES**

Parmida, a viewer in Iran, got in touch to say: "I am tired and I crave being at church and within a gathering of believers. My heart's desire is to experience the excitement of being in God's presence with other believers, singing worship songs. My church fellowship is only through Christian channels such as yours."

Pray for strength and hope for believers like Parmida, who are not allowed to meet in church together. Thank God that SAT-7 helps to fill the gap by providing teaching, discipleship and virtual fellowship.

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER**CHRIST OUR CORNERSTONE**

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

Praise God that He is building His Church throughout the world. Ask that, with Christ as our cornerstone, His global family will continue to grow. Thank God for SAT-7's part in bringing more and more people into His family.

**TIME FOR
ADVENT
PRAYER!**

Turn to page 26 to find out more and order more copies.



FROM ROCK BOTTOM, TO SINGING HIS PRAISE



Maged Shafik's life was once so full of danger and darkness that he was the target of attempted murder three times. Today, he is a well-known worship leader in Egypt, a man of peace and faith. To encourage the many SAT-7 ARABIC viewers, from Lebanon to Yemen, who feel they are at rock bottom, Maged shared his testimony on the worship programme *Keep on Singing*.

"God saved me from death when I was at the bottom of the dark pit. Three times a group of men tried to kill me, but God always stood between us, and I was saved," Maged said.

Although born into a Christian family, Maged was not a believer.

"I drifted away from church and joined a group of friends who were a bad influence on me. We frequented questionable places, and we led a life of darkness. Because of this life, I was the target of attempted murder three times," he said.

A desire to find his way back to church led Maged to attend a prayer meeting. As he sat in the back row, wishing he could take part, he says the Lord gave him a vision.

"I saw the Lord holding my hand and taking me backstage in a large stadium full of people. I saw, from behind, a man on the stage playing the guitar

and leading the audience in worship. I said to the Lord that I wanted to be like this man. He looked at me, smiling, and said, 'That is you,'" Maged shared.

For months, Maged went to church every week, sat in the back row, and had the same vision.

Gradually, Maged's life began to change, and he returned to church, joined the choir, trained in hymn singing and began singing with them.

"I experienced what is meant by the verse, 'He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire' (Psalm 40:2). I could not detach myself from the life of sin immediately, but I felt as if the Lord had put a syringe in me, sucking out the poison gradually: wisely, kindly and patiently, until I became His and He gave me the grace to stay away from all that was in the past. Now, He has brought me to a place where I praise His name and guide others in praise for Him, too."

Maged is now one of the hymn singers on the weekly SAT-7 praise and worship programme *Keep on Singing*, leading thousands of worshippers both on- and off-screen.

Maged's prayer today is that, through his worship programme and other shows, the Lord will touch the hearts of SAT-7 viewers, especially those in crisis and especially as the need for the truth increases in the Middle East and North Africa.

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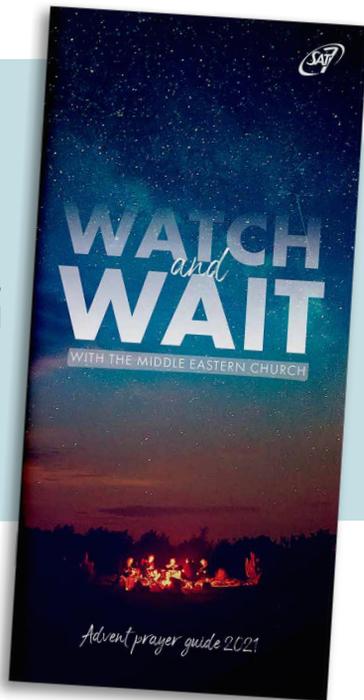


TIME FOR ADVENT PRAYER!

Your Advent prayer guide replaces the Prayer Diary for the month of December. Join us as we “watch and wait” with the Middle Eastern Church in the run-up to Christmas.

You should receive your copy of Advent Prayer in the post, in plenty of time to begin praying on 1 December.

If you'd like to order extra copies, or find out more about our church pack, please visit sat7uk.org/advent, scan the QR code or get in touch with us at the contact details overleaf.



FIND OUT MORE:



SAT-7 broadcasts 24/7 in Arabic, Farsi and Turkish



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