

PRAYER DIARY

JANUARY 2022



SATURDAY 1 JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5). At the start of this New Year, place your trust in the Lord afresh and commit to walk with Him in the year ahead.

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY

PRAY FOR RAHMA IN NORTH AFRICA

“I live in a remote village. Will you help me find a group of people who can help me grow with the Lord?”

Pray that SAT-7’s viewer support team will be able to help Rahma find a community of believers.

MONDAY 3 JANUARY

ADVENT THANKS

Give thanks that in December, we sent out a record 9,500 Advent prayer guides, including over 320 church packs! Pray for each person and church who used the SAT-7 Advent resources – that they will be inspired to pray, give and engage with SAT-7.

TUESDAY 4 JANUARY

STREAMING SERVICE

SAT-7’s streaming service, SAT-7 PLUS, is on track to exceed its first-year target of 25,000 unique users. Give thanks for this remarkable growth, and pray for each person who uses the service.

WEDNESDAY 5 JANUARY

SAT-7 ACADEMY TEACHERS

Give thanks for presenters who teach school subjects and critical-thinking skills to millions of children who cannot attend a physical school.

Egypt

THURSDAY 6 JANUARY

EGYPT

The first focus for our prayers is the nation of Egypt, home to one of SAT-7’s television studios, as well as the largest population of Christians in the Middle East. Join us in praying God’s blessing over Egypt and its people.

FRIDAY 7 JANUARY

COPTIC CHRISTMAS

Today is Christmas Day for Egypt’s Coptic Christians, as well as many Orthodox believers around the world. Pray God’s blessing on Coptic believers today, that they will have a peaceful and joyous celebration and know Jesus’ presence in their lives.

SATURDAY 8 JANUARY

SAT-7 EGYPT

Pray for all who work at SAT-7’s television studio in Cairo, and thank Him for the many popular Arabic programmes that are filmed there. Ask God to give wisdom and clarity to the leaders of SAT-7 Egypt.

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY

PRAY FOR ENAAM IN EGYPT

"I came to the Lord through SAT-7, and I thank the Lord for you. Every time I need an answer to a question or a prayer request, God answers me through your programmes." Praise God that Egyptian viewers like Enaam are coming to faith through SAT-7.

MONDAY 10 JANUARY

EGYPTIAN ECONOMY

Mary Joseph, SAT-7 Egypt Communications Officer, asks you to pray for the people of Egypt in difficult economic circumstances: "Please pray for our economy, because prices are rising and it is getting more difficult for many to live a dignified life."

TUESDAY 11 JANUARY

TOURISM

The Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Valley of the Kings... Egypt is home to some of the most impressive historical sites in the world. Pray that the Egyptian tourism industry will begin to bounce back after the devastation of the pandemic, since millions of livelihoods depend on it.

WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY

COP27

Egypt will host this year's COP27 international climate change meetings in Sharm el-Sheikh. Pray that this event will highlight the dire need for climate action to protect the Middle East, which is already suffering from extreme heat and water shortages.

THURSDAY 13 JANUARY

THE SECRET WITHIN

Pray for Egyptian-produced women's programme *The Secret Within*, which brings together Arabic women from different generations and countries. Ask that women will engage with the series on SAT-7's social media and that through this the team will be able to identify potential community leaders.

FRIDAY 14 JANUARY

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Give thanks that, as part of a new human rights strategy, Egyptian President Al-Sisi apparently endorsed religious freedom, saying, "You are free to choose." Pray that statements like this will bring about real change and greater freedoms for all in Egypt.

General

SATURDAY 15 JANUARY

MERCY FOR AFGHANISTAN

Please continue to lift up the nation of Afghanistan, whose people have faced unimaginable suffering following the Taliban's takeover last year. On top of horrific human rights abuses, the country is now facing widespread starvation. Please pray for swift justice and mercy for the people of Afghanistan.

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY

CHURCHES IN ALGERIA

Many churches in Algeria have been forced to close in the past two years. Pray urgently that the government will allow churches to reopen. Give thanks for SAT-7's programmes in the Kabyle language that bring encouragement and support to struggling Algerian believers.

MONDAY 17 JANUARY

PEACE FOR SUDAN

The situation in Sudan remains volatile after the coup of October 2021, and there is now a deep economic crisis. Please join in this viewer's prayer: "Lord, we ask that you cover Sudan. Cover its people, the land, the trees, the water; give it peace and goodness. Give it hearts that rule righteously. Make peace in Sudan. Amen."

TUESDAY 18 JANUARY

HARD TIMES IN LEBANON

Lift the people of Lebanon to the Lord in prayer. Ask for His help as they cope with poverty, corruption, sporadic electricity, limited fuel, and hopelessness. Praise God that SAT-7 has been able to continue broadcasting without disruption despite the turmoil.

WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY

GOD IN CONTROL

"Dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations" (Psalm 22:28). Praise God that despite the uncertainty we see across the MENA, we can trust that He is in control.

Worship

THURSDAY 20 JANUARY

WORSHIP

Many of us find particular joy in worshipping God through music. The next focus for our prayers is worship programmes on SAT-7, which help viewers experience the joy of sung collective worship – even if they are on their own. Thank God for these life-giving broadcasts, and that we are invited to "come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:2).

FRIDAY 21 JANUARY

AS IN HEAVEN

The most-streamed programme on SAT-7 PLUS is Arabic prayer and worship programme *As in Heaven*. The programme has been watched in whole or in part more than 9,000 times. Praise God that viewers are able to access worship content easily online.

SATURDAY 22 JANUARY

PRAY FOR GIZEM IN TURKEY

"The Lord is good. I am refreshed by His holy words every day. When I sing a hymn, my soul sings too. May the Lord bless you." Pray that more viewers like Gizem will find refreshment for their souls as they engage in worship.

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY

HEAVENLY WORSHIP

Christians in Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan often do not have safe access to public places of worship, and it can be challenging to find worship leaders among the house church movement. Thank God that SAT-7 PARS programme *Heavenly Worship* is meeting this need by broadcasting worship and prayer by mature Christians.

MONDAY 24 JANUARY

KEEP ON SINGING

Thank God for long-running and popular weekly SAT-7 ARABIC worship show *Keep on Singing*. Pray for the Spirit's refreshing for its presenters, singers and crew, and that it will continue to be a blessing to its many thousands of viewers.

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY

PRAY FOR ARABIC VIEWER KAMELIA

“God bless everyone who participated in *Keep on Singing*. Bless your hard labour of love for the Lord. I love this programme so much. Please don't stop singing to the Lord Jesus; He is worthy of all praise!” Pray that Kamelia and others like her will be strengthened in their faith through SAT-7 worship programmes.

WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY

WORSHIP ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Pray for SAT-7's “Worship” social media page, 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.

THURSDAY 27 JANUARY

TURKISH SONGS

SAT-7 TÜRK broadcasts a range of worship videos between programmes and on YouTube. Viewer Gözde commented: “May the Lord bless you, what a beautiful hymn, peace has flowed into my heart.” Pray that SAT-7 will be able to film more music videos in Turkish to bring peace to viewers like Gözde.

FRIDAY 28 JANUARY

CHURCH BROADCASTS

SAT-7 broadcasts live church services from across the region, which show believers singing and praising together. Pray for those who cannot go to church in person. Thank God that through these broadcasts they can experience fellowship with the body of Christ.

SATURDAY 29 JANUARY

SONGWRITERS

Many new churches in the MENA have a limited catalogue of hymns and songs in their own language and often rely on songs translated from English. Pray that God will raise up more Persian, Arabic and Turkish songwriters and musicians to encourage and build up the MENA Church.

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY

PRAY FOR KARIMAN

Thank you so much for this message, it is really from God! I cried all day, praying as I watched and listened to this worship. God answered all my questions.” Praise God that Kariman had such a powerful encounter with His Spirit through SAT-7 worship songs on YouTube.

MONDAY 31 JANUARY

MAKING MUSIC

“Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:18b-19). Praise God for giving us the gift of music to help us draw near to Him and bring Him glory.



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