

PRAYER DIARY

MAY 2022



Tunisia

SUNDAY 1 MAY TUNISIA

Tunisia is currently facing political crisis and an uncertain future. Over the next few days, join us in prayer for the country, its young Church, and SAT-7 productions in the Tunisian dialect.

MONDAY 2 MAY HEIGHTENED TENSION

Since Tunisian President Kais Saied suspended parliament last July and started consolidating his political power, the country has seen an increase in tensions and social discontent. Pray for God's peace and justice to reign in Tunisia.

TUESDAY 3 MAY PERPETUA

Give thanks for Perpetua, SAT-7's partner production house based in Tunis. Pray that God will continue to protect and resource them as they create North African TV series for SAT-7.

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY THE GATHERING

Give thanks for *The Gathering*, a TV series produced in Tunis that shares testimonies, locally-recorded worship, and Christian teaching. Ask that the programme will be a blessing and encouragement to Tunisian Christians.

THURSDAY 5 MAY FREEDOM CHARTER

SAT-7 recently broadcast a historic event that saw representatives of minority religious groups in Tunisia sign a national charter for peaceful coexistence. Pray that the charter will encourage legislators to implement regulations that recognise the rights of minorities to practise their beliefs freely.

FRIDAY 6 MAY PRAY FOR HAMSA IN TUNISIA

"I gave my heart to Jesus eight years ago. I have been watching SAT-7 ARABIC for many years now, and I have been so blessed by you; I have benefited a lot from your testimonies." Give thanks for Hamsa's faith and pray he will continue to be blessed by SAT-7's broadcasts.

SATURDAY 7 MAY FREE SOULS FACEBOOK PAGE

SAT-7 follows up with viewers in Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria through its dedicated social media page Free Souls, which shares content in the Tunisian dialect. Pray that the content will speak particularly to North Africans and strengthen their faith.

SUNDAY 8 MAY THE TUNISIAN CHURCH

Legally, Christians in Tunisia are free to worship, but in reality they are often discriminated against. Thank God for the Tunisian Church and pray it will be a powerful witness of Jesus' love to others.

MONDAY 9 MAY **MOEZ MADIOUNI'S PRAYER**

Join in SAT-7 producer Moez Mediouni's prayer for Tunisia: "Please pray that our media work will help share the Church and its values to wider society. Pray for doors to open amid all the political and economic changes. Pray that people will open their hearts, and pray for the Church to grow and be unified."

General

TUESDAY 10 MAY **HARD TIMES IN TURKEY**

Turkey is facing a deepening economic crisis, with soaring inflation and a plunging currency, that is pushing more people into poverty.

Gülsüm, Deputy Director at SAT-7 TÜRK, says: "Please pray for everyone who is struggling to survive due to the difficult financial situation, and that SAT-7 TÜRK's efforts to raise awareness and resource our viewers will be heard by those who need to hear it most."

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY **HOMEMADE**

With high inflation in Turkey, many families are increasingly unable to meet basic needs such as housing, heating and food. Give thanks for SAT-7 TÜRK programme *Homemade*, which has been providing practical and trustworthy advice to those struggling financially.

THURSDAY 12 MAY **PRAY FOR IHAB IN ALGERIA**

"I am a Christian man from Algeria. I follow your North African Facebook page. I love the song you posted there, and I hope that many more Christians become professional musicians. Thanks for your page." Pray for Ihab, and ask God to raise up more Algerian worship leaders.

FRIDAY 13 MAY **SAT-7 PARS STUDIOS**

Today, pray for those who work at the SAT-7 PARS studios in London and Cyprus. Ask God to bless them with energy and inspiration as they create and broadcast programming for the Persian world.

SATURDAY 14 MAY **LEBANON ELECTIONS**

Parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place in Lebanon this week. Pray against any potential unrest and ask for God's will to be done in Lebanon.

SUNDAY 15 MAY **PRAY FOR MAHIN IN IRAN**

The Lord is always my reward and, as long as I have breath, I want to be a good servant. I have cancer and don't have long to live, but I have God. I would have liked to leave Iran, but the Lord wants me here to share the Gospel." Give thanks for Mahin's faithfulness and ask God to bless her in her witness.

MONDAY 16 MAY **SUMMER CONFERENCES**

The SAT-7 UK team plans to have a presence at several Christian conferences this summer, including New Wine. Pray that these will be fruitful times for sharing the message of SAT-7 and building connections with the wider UK Church.

TUESDAY 17 MAY
PRAY FOR NAJAH IN LEBANON

Najah got in touch on Facebook to say: "I am from Syria and I now live in Lebanon. I cannot find a job. Thank you for praying with me and encouraging me. God is good." Pray that Najah will be able to find work and thank God that she was encouraged through SAT-7.

Arab teenagers

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY
ARAB TEENAGERS

Body image, self-confidence, first relationships, peer pressure, future plans... some teenage experiences are universal. But on top of the usual hopes and fears of youth, teenagers in the Arab world are also facing political uncertainty, rising unemployment, competing ideologies, lack of education and myriad other challenges. This week, let's turn our prayers to the Middle East's young people, and ask God to fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit and hope for the future.

THURSDAY 19 MAY
A YOUTHFUL REGION

The Arab world is one of the most youthful regions in the world – around 60% of the population is aged under 25. Give thanks for the huge potential of this demographic to bring about positive change.

FRIDAY 20 MAY
RELIGION AND YOUTH

According to the latest Arab Youth Survey, fewer young Arabs now see religion as central to their identity. As more and more teenagers start asking questions about their faith, pray that they will turn to SAT-7 and find their identity in Christ.

SATURDAY 21 MAY
SAT-7 YOUTH

Give thanks for SAT-7 Youth, a dedicated Facebook and Instagram brand for Arabic-speaking young people. Pray that increased numbers of teenagers will follow these pages on social media and find godly advice to help them in their daily struggles.

SUNDAY 22 MAY
PRAY FOR SAMIRA IN MOROCCO

"I'm from Morocco and I'm 19 years old. Though many people surround me, I have no one to talk to. There have always been fights and quarrels inside our home." Give thanks that the SAT-7 Youth Facebook team got in touch with Samira and were able to provide a listening ear and helpful advice.

MONDAY 23 MAY
EXAM SEASON

Pray for teenagers in the Arab world – and any young people you know – who are studying for school or university exams in the coming weeks. Ask that God will fill them with His peace and remind them of their unchanging value in Him.

TUESDAY 24 MAY **NEW LIGHT**

Youth discussion programme *New Light*, created in partnership with Lutheran Hour Ministries, helps Arabic Christian young people grow in their faith. Each 55-minute episode includes studio segments and street interviews, allowing young people to make their voices heard. Pray that the show will encourage young Christians in their faith and give them strong principles for adulthood.

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY **TEENAGE GIRLS**

Teenage girls in the Arab world experience even more challenges than their male counterparts – they face greater discrimination and barriers to employment and are also vulnerable to early or forced marriage, gender-based violence and sexual harassment. Pray for continued progress towards equality for the region's young women.

THURSDAY 26 MAY **PRAY FOR ALYA, A LEBANESE** **TEENAGER**

Alya, a teenager from Lebanon, got in touch on Facebook: "I have been bullied for the last two years by strangers as well as family and relatives because of bad acne scars on my face." After chatting to the SAT-7 Youth Facebook team about her worth in the Lord, Alya said: "I am so grateful to God for the incomparable love he has shown me, which has led to changing my self-image and accepting it joyfully. I am so thankful for your support." Pray that Alya will never forget her preciousness to God.

FRIDAY 27 MAY **MOBILE STREAMING**

Sixty-six per cent of young people in the Arab world now primarily watch video content on their smart phones. Pray that young Christians in the region will engage with streamed content on SAT-7 PLUS and have the confidence to share it with their friends.

SATURDAY 28 MAY **HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

Despite the pandemic, ongoing conflicts and record economic decline, the latest Arab Youth Survey found that most Arab youth are optimistic that their best days lie ahead of them. Give thanks for this spirit of hopefulness, and pray that youth across the region will place their futures in God's hands.

General

SUNDAY 29 MAY **PRAY FOR MAKRAM, AN ARABIC** **VIEWER**

Makram got in touch with the SAT-7 Daily Bread Facebook page with an important question: "I am from a non-Christian background. I want to know how to repent to God." Praise God that, after the team had a conversation with him about Jesus and salvation, Makram gave his heart to the Lord!

MONDAY 30 MAY
CALLING ON THE LORD

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). Give thanks that hearts are turning to the Lord across the MENA.

TUESDAY 31 MAY
AFGHAN CHILDREN

Join in the prayer of SAT-7 PARS presenter Parastoo (right): “Father, we pray for the young boys and girls in Afghanistan. Pour out your love over them, strengthen and provide for them. May they come to know you as a loving and caring Father. Protect them from harm. May they know the everlasting joy, hope and peace we have in you. We pray for your hand over Afghanistan and its people. Amen.”



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