

PRAYER DIARY

JUNE 2022



WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE RELEASE OF PRISONERS

In encouraging news from Iran, nine Christian prisoners were released earlier this year, as the Iranian Appeal Court ruled there were no legal grounds to prosecute someone for attending a house church. Pray that this new development will bring significant and long-lasting positive change for Iran's house church movement, and remember in prayer those who are still imprisoned for their faith.

THURSDAY 2 JUNE FOLLOW UP

Give thanks for SAT-7 ACADEMY programme *Follow Up* (above), which empowers viewers to support

children, particularly those with special educational needs, in their schooling. Pray that the series will help parents and teachers better understand children and enable them to thrive.

FRIDAY 3 JUNE PRAY FOR TAREK, AN ARABIC VIEWER

"I regularly need dialysis and have diabetes. Despite all my medications, I am crying out in pain and need two or three people to take care of me. I can barely afford the treatments I need." Please pray urgently for healing and hope for Tarek, and for financial provision for his medicine.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE NEW IDENTITY

Thank God for *New Identity*, a live talk show for Persian women that helps them discover their true identity in Christ through the teaching of the Bible. Pray that the show will empower women to find their calling in ministry.

SUNDAY 5 JUNE PRAY FOR SHERRY, AN ARABIC VIEWER

I've been following your programmes since I was ten. I'm so glad I got to know you. You have changed me and taught me many things. I have never known or met a believer – you are my role model of faith." Praise God for the constant support SAT-7 has been to Sherry.

MONDAY 6 JUNE HASHTAG

SAT-7 PARS children's programme *Hashtag* is aimed at Persian viewers aged 10-16. Pray that through its games, activities and quizzes, young viewers will learn important lessons about faith.

TUESDAY 7 JUNE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Pray for SAT-7's international council, which guides and oversees SAT-7's work. Ask that each member of the council will be given the Holy Spirit's power and wisdom in their roles.

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

PRAY FOR SAMAN, A VIEWER IN IRAN

“Ever since I started to watch your programmes I have stopped the evil things I was doing. I was a member of a religious militia. We were brainwashed and they tried to fill us with hate, but somehow it didn’t work on me – perhaps it was through the kindness of God. Thank God that eventually, through many difficulties and through prayer, I came to the Lord Jesus Christ.” Praise God for the change He has brought about in Saman’s life.

THURSDAY 9 JUNE

IRAQI CHRISTIANS

In the wake of post-2003 insurgencies and the rise of the so-called Islamic State, the Christian population of Iraq has shrunk from 1.4 million in 1987 to less than 250,000 today. Pray for the remnant of believers in the country, that SAT-7 will help them remain steadfast in their faith.

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

MY MIRROR

The SAT-7 Woman Facebook page is ministering to women through *My Mirror*, a video series that creates a safe space for women to discuss personal issues. Praise God that it has quickly gained popularity, and for the trust that has been built between SAT-7 and its female Facebook followers.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

MARY FROM SUDAN

“I am from Sudan and have been following SAT-7 since I was a child. You are such a blessing to my family. Every time I listen to Marianne’s simple words, my life changes and hope rises in me again. *My Mirror* guides me and teaches me new lessons.” Give thanks for the way God is working in Mary’s life.

Refugees

MONDAY 13 JUNE

REFUGEES

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. With

the number of refugees in the MENA reaching into the millions, it can be easy to forget that each one is a precious human being who is immensely loved by Christ. Over the coming days, let’s uphold in prayer the MENA’s refugees, and ask that God will be their refuge.

TUESDAY 14 JUNE

SYRIAN REFUGEES

Over 6.7 million refugees have fled Syria since the war began in 2011, most of whom now live in neighbouring Turkey and Lebanon. Ask that the Syrian conflict will end, so its people can return to a safe and secure homeland and live in peace.

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

LONELINESS

With the loss of their homeland and community, many refugees can feel lonely and out of place in their new surroundings. Pray that SAT-7 can step into the gap and provide friendship and care through its programmes and follow-up support.

THURSDAY 16 JUNE
PRAY FOR NADER IN LEBANON

“We are grateful for our church here in Lebanon. As refugees, we feel that we are in the midst of our family because of you, and through your love for us, we feel stability. We are grateful for all of you.” Pray that local churches will continue to be Jesus’ hands and feet in serving refugees and showing them the love of God.

FRIDAY 17 JUNE
MY SCHOOL

SAT-7’s educational *My School* series is designed to meet the need of displaced children who have missed out on years of schooling. Give thanks for a new partnership between SAT-7 and Heart for Lebanon, which is bringing the *My School* curriculum to two centres for Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

SATURDAY 18 JUNE
REFUGEE TALES

Give thanks for SAT-7 ARABIC’s *Refugee Tales*, a powerful new series of short, personal documentaries. The show relays the struggles of refugees from Sudan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Eritrea and showcases the skills and energy they bring. Pray that these stories will deeply impact viewers’ hearts and bring increased compassion and empathy.

SUNDAY 19 JUNE
ASHWAQ’S STORY

Pray for Ashwaq, a Sudanese woman who shared her experiences on *Refugee Tales*: “The worst thing is disrespect and lack of appreciation of people around you. They do not understand that a refugee is a person who has aspirations, desires and ambitions.”

Give thanks for Ashwaq’s resilience and pray for financial provision, protection and comfort for her and her son. (*Visit sat7uk.org/ashwaq to watch her moving story*)

MONDAY 20 JUNE
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Today is World Refugee Day, which honours the strength and courage of refugees around the world and calls for their greater inclusion in healthcare, education and sport. Pray that initiatives like this, as well as SAT-7’s work, will help change negative attitudes about refugees and instead show the benefits of helping them integrate into society.

TUESDAY 21 JUNE
AFGHAN REFUGEES

After decades of conflict and poverty, exacerbated by the Taliban takeover of August 2021, Afghans make up one of the largest refugee populations in the world. Pray for emergency food, shelter and healthcare provision for the most vulnerable.

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE
PRAY FOR PEYMAN FROM
AFGHANISTAN

“After the fall of Afghanistan to the Taliban, my family and I secretly fled to Iran, but the problems here, with having no documents and no work, have made my life very difficult and even impossible. If I am sent back to Afghanistan I will certainly be put to death. We are a family of three and we really need to stay alive.” Pray for safety for Peyman and his family.

THURSDAY 23 JUNE
CITIZENSHIP IN HEAVEN

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). Praise God that whatever happens to us here on earth, our true home and identity is assured with Him in heaven. Pray that refugees will find hope and comfort in this truth.

General

FRIDAY 24 JUNE
SAT-7 TÜRK NEWS

Now in its seventh season, SAT-7’s Turkish news show informs viewers about the Church and gives a Christian perspective on current events in Turkey. Pray that this programme will help counter misleading stories about Christians in mainstream news and help promote acceptance.

SATURDAY 25 JUNE
PRAY FOR ARTIN, A VIEWER IN IRAN

“My manager and all my colleagues at work are Christians and I have already tried to find out as much as I can about it through them. They told me I should contact you to hear more about repentance and salvation.” Praise God that Artin had a long conversation with SAT-7’s viewer support team and committed his heart to Jesus! Pray that he will stay in touch with SAT-7 and feel equipped and encouraged in his newfound faith.

SUNDAY 26 JUNE
PRAY FOR AMEENA IN IRAQ

I am an English teacher from Baghdad, Iraq. Thanks a lot for your programme My School. It helps me with my teaching at school, and I hope to create a curriculum for my son using your material when he gets older.” Give thanks that SAT-7 ACADEMY is equipping Ameena in her work and home life.

MONDAY 27 JUNE
FAMILY OF JESUS

“In my opinion, a child’s biggest need is to feel part of a family, a real family,” says Mina Awny, presenter of SAT-7 KIDS live weekly worship show *Family of Jesus*. Pray that the programme will show Arabic children that whatever they are facing, they are loved by God and the Church.

TUESDAY 28 JUNE

PRAY FOR NINA, A VIEWER IN IRAN

"The Lord is our refuge and in our troubles, we always turn to Him. God forgives our sins and carries our burdens. Although we may not be able to see the Lord, He speaks to us and protects us under His wings." Pray for Nina and give thanks that we can always turn to the Lord for all our needs.

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

PRAY FOR KAMEEL IN ALGERIA

"I am striving to live out my faith in a hardline society without a church or any Christian friends to help me grow. I have a Bible which I keep hidden. I am in my thirties and find it so difficult to find a Christian woman to marry." Pray that Kameel will remain steadfast in his faith with SAT-7's support, and ask God to provide him with a Christian family.

THURSDAY 30 JUNE

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). Give thanks that nothing will ever separate us, or our brothers and sisters in the MENA, from Christ's love.



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