

PRAYER DIARY

AUGUST 2022



LEBANON

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

LEBANON

Our next prayer focus is on Lebanon. The country has endured multiple crises in the past few years, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Beirut blast, economic collapse, civil protests and unrest, and political instability. Uphold the 6.8 million people living in Lebanon to the Lord, and submit this small, resilient nation to Him.

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

TALINE FROM LEBANON

"I am married with two children, but we all live together with my parents and brothers. It's negati

vely affecting my relationship with my husband. I'm angry, despairing and depressed." After speaking to the SAT-7

team, Taline said she felt supported. Pray for Taline and other struggling families in Lebanon navigating financial constraints and relationship dynamics.

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

COST OF LIVING

In February this year, Lebanon's annual inflation soared to an all-time high of 215 per cent. The country has witnessed a dramatic collapse in essential services. Ask God to miraculously intervene and inspire change that will restore people's dignity and wellbeing.

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

BEIRUT BLAST: TWO YEARS ON

On this day two years ago, an explosion at Beirut's port ripped through the city, claiming the lives of 218 people, injuring thousands, and causing widespread destruction to the capital. Victims are still seeking answers and justice. Pray for those grieving to find comfort in the Lord. Pray for those who are frustrated to be filled with His peace that passes all understanding. Pray for the healing of Beirut.

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The many challenges in Lebanon are causing people to fear the country has no future. But despite everything they face, the people are resilient. Please pray for hope to remain in people's lives and for the voices of young people and others who can see a better future to be heard.

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

AFIFEH, A SAT-7 ARABIC VIEWER

"I want to give thanks to the Lord. I was blind, and now I see. I was living in the darkness, and God saved me from death. The Sunday services from Resurrection Church Beirut on your channel have been a help and support. God bless you." Pray for Afifeh's new journey of faith.

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

RESURRECTION CHURCH BEIRUT (RCB)

RCB is invested in both local and international ministry. The church is situated close to parts of the city that have become home to many Syrian and Iraqi refugees. It is a place known for supporting and welcoming people from many backgrounds. The RCB Sunday service is broadcast live on

SAT-7 ARABIC every week, connecting viewers across the region in a virtual congregation. Praise God for the partnership between SAT-7 and RCB. Pray that this Lebanese church continues to help encourage and disciple believers near and far.

MONDAY 8 AUGUST

HESHAM IN LEBANON

"My wife and I want to thank God and you for your beautiful programme, From Heart to Heart. Every episode you present opens our eyes to realise more things about our marriage and our spiritual life. Thank you for encouraging us every time we send a prayer request." Thank God for this Lebanon-produced programme available on SAT-7 channels and on-demand streaming service. Pray blessings over Hesham and his family as they draw closer to the Lord.

TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

LEBANESE YOUTH

Nearly 40 per cent of Lebanon's population are under 25 years of age. These young people face many challenges as they grow up – trying to discover who they are and what's important to them amid instability and

unrest. Pray that they will find their identity and a sense of purpose in Christ.

WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST

A FRUITFUL FIELD

"In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?" (Isaiah 29:17). The following verses in Isaiah are filled with the promise that God will transform a barren desert into a place of abundant life and raise the meek and poor to be rich in spirit. Ask God to release this blessing over Lebanon and its people today.

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST

ISOLATED BELIEVERS

Less than 1% of the world's Christian population lives in the MENA, which inevitably means many believers are isolated. Pray for those who are living out their faith alone, and thank God for the comfort, teaching and community that SAT-7 provides.

FRIDAY 12 AUGUST

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Children and young people (0-24 year olds) in the Middle East and North

Africa currently account for nearly half of the region's population and have the potential to become agents of change. Give thanks to God for this generation and pray that they would be able to contribute to a more positive future for themselves and their communities.

SATURDAY 13 AUGUST

WOMEN'S VOICES

SAT-7's vision for women and girls is to see them realising their God-given value and dignity, to make their voices heard and to foster strong, secure and loving families. Pray that this vision will become a reality across the MENA!

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

SAT-7 ARABIC WORSHIP

Pray for SAT-7's new "Worship" social media brand 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.

AFGHANISTAN

MONDAY 15 AUGUST

FOCUS: AFGHANISTAN

Today marks one year since the

Taliban took control of Afghanistan. The existing humanitarian crises have worsened, food is scarce, women have been deprived of their rights and religious oppression has left thousands fearing for their lives. In this coming week, let's plead for God's mercy over Afghanistan.

TUESDAY 16 AUGUST

REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE

There are 2.6 million registered Afghan refugees in the world. Another 3.5 million people are internally displaced, having fled their homes searching for refuge within the country. Pray for these men, women and children to find safety and sufficient resources, and that they will know God's presence in their lives.

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST

EHSAN FROM AFGHANISTAN

"I am a believer. It was through your channel that I came to faith. I used to live in Afghanistan before the Taliban took over. My family and I sought refuge in Iran. I would like to be in touch with one of your counsellors. My family are Christians too, and we need some guidance. Thank you for being

so kind." Pray that Ehsan and his family will be encouraged by their contact with SAT-7.

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST

SECRETS OF LIFE

SAT-7's Dari language programme *Secrets of Life* is a vital ministry to Afghans both in and out of Afghanistan. The magazine programme, co-hosted by Pastor Shoaib Ebadi and his wife Mariam, addresses both social and spiritual issues facing Afghan viewers in their everyday lives. People can call in live to the programme to ask questions or request prayer. Praise God for this programme and pray that it will be watched by even more Dari speakers who need Jesus.

FRIDAY 19 AUGUST

ELAHA, A YOUNG AFGHAN WOMAN

"I watch SAT-7 PARS through satellite from Afghanistan. You have a lot of engaging programmes that are worth watching. I really enjoy your programme, *Insiders*. I am very grateful that you value ordinary people." Praise God that Elaha is able to watch

Christian programmes through SAT-7 in Afghanistan. Pray for her safety and faith.

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST

UNDERGROUND CHURCH

Though entirely underground with no official records or numbers, the Church has been growing rapidly in Afghanistan. It is thought that most believers there are under 25 years old. Pray that the Church in Afghanistan will continue to grow, even under the harshness of Taliban rule.

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST

YOUR KINGDOM COME

SAT-7 presenter Shoaib Ebadi shared a powerful prayer as the Taliban took control of his country. Pray his prayer today: "Your Kingdom come in Afghanistan. Your Kingdom come in the hearts of people there. Your reign come in that forbidding land. Your will be done in our lives and in the lives of Afghans. Your will is for us to know Jesus and for us to live in peace. Have mercy on the people of Afghanistan."

Amen.”

MONDAY 22 AUGUST

WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Taliban has been drastically rolling back the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan. Pray that their former rights and freedoms will be restored.

TUESDAY 23 AUGUST

HOPE IN THE LORD

Today, pray that Afghan people will “put [their] hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption” (Psalm 130:7).

GENERAL

WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST

INSIDERS

SAT-7 PARS women’s show *Insiders* is devoted to exploring the freedom of belief that people should enjoy within the constitution of Iran. Pray for its work and for all in Iran who face injustice for their faith in Christ.

THURSDAY 25 AUGUST

EMRE, A SAT-7 VIEWER FROM TURKEY

For so many from the majority faith in the Middle East, taking the step to follow Christ has big repercussions.

Emre, from Turkey, told us:

“I recently became a believer.

When I explained this to my family, they completely cut me off. It is not shameful or illegal to believe.

All people who live by the peace, justice, and faithful words of Jesus Christ are at the Lord’s mercy.”

Pray for Emre and for his family.

FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

SAT-7 ARABIC DAILY BREAD

SAT-7 ARABIC’s “Daily Bread” pages on social media offer daily encouragements from the biblical words and teachings of Jesus. Pray that these pages will be a source of life to all who follow them.

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST

CHURCH SERVICES ON SAT-7

Thank God for church services from across the MENA that are broadcast on SAT-7 every week. Pray that they will help viewers, particularly those who are isolated, feel connected to

the wider body of Christ.

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST

CHRISTIANS IN EGYPT

Christians are feeling particularly vulnerable after the killing of Coptic Orthodox priest Arsanious Wadeed on the streets of Alexandria, Egypt in April. Pray for the safety of Christians in Egypt who are feeling insecure.

MONDAY 29 AUGUST

TURKISH CHRISTIANS

For Turkish Christians, SAT-7 TÜRK’s news site and twice weekly news programme is an essential guide to events in the national and international Church and helps them feel part of the worldwide body of Christ. Give thanks for this connection.

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST

SAT-7 ARABIC YOUTH

Pray for SAT-7 ARABIC’s “Youth” social media pages aimed at 17 to 25-year-olds. Thank God for the opportunity to use social media as a positive influence in young people’s lives.

WEDNESDAY 31 AUGUST

UKRAINE CRISIS

The ripples of Russia's war with Ukraine are being felt across the world, but particularly in parts of the Middle East and North Africa. Ukraine and Russia are the biggest suppliers of wheat to much of the region, leaving supplies running low. Pray for all those – in Ukraine and beyond – whose lives are being affected by this devastating war.



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