

# PRAYER DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2022



## EDUCATION

### THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

#### EDUCATION

As children in the UK head back to school this term, we remember those that do not have access to this basic right in the MENA. Nearly 15 million children and young people are currently out of school. Over the next week or so, we'll thank God that SAT-7's educational programmes are providing opportunities for learning.

### FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

#### LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14). Pray that children across the MENA region would first and foremost know God's love and freely come to him.

### SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

#### HEART FOR LEBANON

A partnership between SAT-7 and Heart for Lebanon is changing the lives of young refugee children from Syria. Over 100 six-to ten-year-olds who have never been to school before are watching episodes of SAT-7's My School at two centres, in the Bekaa Valley and in southern Lebanon. Give thanks to God for this breakthrough in education.

### SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

#### BACK TO SCHOOL

Pray for any children and teachers you know who are going back to school this week, that they will feel excited and ready for the year ahead.

### MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

#### PUZZLE

"This is the first time I've heard a compliment about my abilities. I've never been told before that I am capable of anything, or that I am good at something."

This is what a 13-year girl said after taking part in SAT-7 KIDS show, *Puzzle*. The show brings together children from different backgrounds to learn about their rights through play-based teaching. Pray that children will continue learn about

their God-given value.

### TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

#### SAT-7 ACADEMY

The vision of SAT-7 ACADEMY, our brand of education programmes for children and adults, is "to inspire impactful, life-long learning across the Arabic-speaking world to help build better communities and contribute to the good of society and culture." Pray that this vision becomes a reality.

### WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

#### DARYA FROM MOROCCO

In Morocco, two-thirds of women are illiterate so programmes like SAT-7's My School, which teaches basic Arabic, English and maths, are invaluable. "I learned languages and became especially good at English...Thank you so much for your programme, which is the only hope for me," Darya said. "I love you!"

### THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

#### INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

While the average adult literacy rate is 86% globally, UNESCO identified that only 75% of the population in Arabic regions can read and write. On

International Literacy Day, pray for those in positions of power in the MENA to be reminded of the importance of literacy and make provision to improve rates in their countries.

### **FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

WARDA, A VIEWER IN MOROCCO

"My little sister loves attending your class. You are her hero." Praise God for the young children who have been impacted by programmes on SAT-7 ACADEMY. Pray for them as they continue to learn.

### **SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

CONFLICT AND EDUCATION

Over 14 million children do not attend school due to conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Yemen after the destruction of 8,850 of their institutions (UNICEF). Ask that God will protect the most vulnerable children in MENA society, and that they will find opportunities to learn.

### **SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER**

FROM RENDALDA, A VIEWER IN LEBANON

"I am an Iraqi woman and I now live in Lebanon. My daughter is in the first grade. She is smart and clever, yet she

is supposed to be in the third grade but because of the difficult circumstances in Iraq, I could not register her in a school there. She has been watching the My School programme since we were in Iraq, and this is why she is excelling, thanks to My School's teachers. I cannot thank you enough." Pray for her continued learning.

## **GENERAL**

### **MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

KÜBRA, A SAT-7 TÜRK VIEWER

"An infection in my nephew's lungs was starting to distance us from the Church and God. Thanks to your broadcasts, we began to pray and take refuge in God." Give thanks to God for drawing close to those who seek his healing power.

### **TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

DARE TO BELIEVE EVENT

SAT-7 Founder and President Dr Terence Ascott will be sharing the exciting story behind his new book *Dare to Believe!* at an event in Bangor, Northern Ireland, on 8 October. Pray for Terry and that attendees will be inspired as they hear about God's faithfulness to SAT-7 and Christians in the MENA.

### **WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**

UNREACHED PEOPLE

The largest unreached people groups of North Africa are in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Hamsa from Tunisia wrote to SAT-7 saying, "I gave my heart to Jesus eight years ago. I have been watching SAT-7 ARABIC and I have been so blessed by you." Pray that SAT-7 will continue to reach people where there is limited access to the Gospel.

## **CONFLICT & DEMOCRACY**

### **THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

CONFLICT AND DEMOCRACY

Father God, on the International Day of Democracy we cry out for peace and stability across the MENA. Help those in positions of power and authority to govern wisely and for the common good of all.

### **FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

POVERTY IN CONFLICT ZONES

More than 930 million people live in countries with conflict and violence according to the World Bank. Pray for peace and provision for children and

families living in poverty due to the difficult circumstances.

## **SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

### SUDAN

A military coup last October seems to have derailed Sudan's transition towards democracy. At a church service in Khartoum evangelist Talal Nakoussy said, "We are here to pray for mercy over our country and declare God's power over Sudan." Join in his prayer.

## **SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

### TUNISIA

In Tunisia last summer, elected president Kais Saied dissolved parliament and has ruled by decree since then. There are concerns that his plans to replace judicial and electoral officials are a bid to control the judiciary and December's elections. Pray for Tunisia.

## **MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**

### INSIDERS

On SAT-7 PARS' *Insiders* programme Iranian-background journalist Fred Petrossian outlined the importance of a free press and explained its relationship to freedoms of expression, belief and assembly. Pray for Iran which is currently

placed 178 of 180 countries in the Press Freedom Index.

## **TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER**

### AFGHANISTAN

A journalist from Afghanistan's Hazara minority told *Insiders*, "My life is not safe. It wasn't safe in Afghanistan and it isn't even now I am in Iran. I hope that channels like yours will help the oppressed journalists in Afghanistan be heard." Pray for his safety and that of Afghanistan's persecuted Hazara minority.

## **WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

SAT-7 show *You Are Not Alone* spoke to Bethlehem Bible College Principal, Jack Sara, after the shooting of TV journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. "We lost a courageous Palestinian Christian journalist," he said, "But we pray that more will take her place. We Christians are an essential part of this region and can have a great effect despite our small number."

## **THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

### LEBANON

In May Lebanon had parliamentary

elections for the first time since the country became mired in its deepest economic crisis in decades. The result showed a shift away from traditional parties and 13 reform-minded independents being elected. Pray for people's hopes for change and a better Lebanon to be fulfilled.

## **FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

### WORLD VIEW

The *World View* programme on SAT-7 TÜRK reviews the latest global news from a Christian perspective. Pray for presenters Senem Ekener and Volkan Er as they explain Scripture and core Christian beliefs and help viewers relate them to daily life and to global affairs.

## **SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

### CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

All Christians are called to participate in furthering God's kingdom of justice and love in His world. Give thanks for SAT-7 programmes that help viewers think and respond in biblical ways to issues in their community. Pray for the experts, Bible teachers and those with personal experiences who appear in them.

## **SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER**

### **TOXIC**

Toxic is a new drama film that sheds light on responding to violence. Producer John Adly says, "In their search for a cure, each character realises in the end that revenge cannot heal their souls and that forgiveness is the way to overcome the harm done to them." Pray for a wide audience.

## **MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

### **NAJAH FROM SYRIA**

"I am from Syria, and I now live in Lebanon. I cannot find a job. Thank you for praying with me and encouraging me." Pray that Najah will be able to find work.

## **GENERAL**

## **TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

### **ALGERIA CHURCH CLOSURES**

Over the last few years, the Algerian authorities have forcibly closed 17 of the country's 45 Protestant Churches, including most of the largest ones. At least 12 Christians have been sentenced to prison or fined for Christian activities in the last 18 months. Pray for the Algerian Church to stand firm under this targeted persecution.

## **WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

### **CELEBRATING 26 YEARS**

SAT-7 recently celebrated 26 years on air! Praise God for His love being made visible through this ministry. Pray that the Lord will continue to guide and provide for teams across the world.

## **THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

### **SAT-7 WOMEN'S PROGRAMMES**

SAT-7 makes programmes especially for women, covering all aspects of their spiritual, emotional, social and physical lives. Pray that SAT-7 programmes not only help women grow in their faith, but also challenge societal attitudes towards women and inspire positive change.

## **FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER**

### **THE PEACE OF GOD**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). Go back to a testimony or story from this prayer diary; pray this verse over the person today.



*Names of viewers throughout have been changed.*

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