



PRAYER DIARY



For SAT-7 and the Middle East

November 2022

FOCUS**TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER****CITIES OF THE MENA**

Yesterday was World Cities Day. According to the UN, more than two out of every three people globally are projected to live in urban areas by 2050. Cities are rapidly growing in size and number, creating a unique mix of cultures, ages and beliefs. Over the next seven days, we'll be praying for some key cities in the MENA. Ask God to show you His heart for each of these places.

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER**DOHA, QATAR**

Doha is Qatar's fastest growing city, with over 50 percent of the nation's population living there or in its surrounding suburbs. Qatar opened its first church in 2008 in Doha and many Christians living in Qatar were finally able to recognise a central place of worship. With the upcoming FIFA 2022 World Cup, the nation has needed to become more tolerant and open towards its diverse population. Pray that God uses Doha as a centre for Christianity to grow.

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER
CAIRO, EGYPT

Not only the largest city in Egypt but also the second-largest city in Africa with a population of 21.3 million people. There is a sizeable Christian minority in Cairo and its surrounding areas. Sadly, believers there regularly bear the brunt of community hostility. Pray that Cairo's Christians will no longer be viewed as second-class citizens. Ask for God's protection over SAT-7's Cairo studio as it broadcasts messages of peace, hope and reconciliation to the people of Egypt and beyond.

**FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER**
TRIPOLI, LIBYA

Libya is one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian. The capital, Tripoli, is itself a hub of conflict and remains in an ongoing state of violence from civil war. Pray for peace in Libya and protection for the small number of Christians there.

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER
DUBAI, UAE

The Abrahamic Family House, which encloses a synagogue, a church and a mosque in a single complex, is due to open this year in Dubai. This kind of move towards religious tolerance in one of the fastest growing cities in the world, built on materialism and economic growth, seems positive. Pray for full religious freedom in Dubai and for the mostly expatriate Christian community working in the UAE.

**SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER
ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

The percentage of Christians in Turkey declined from around 20 percent in 1914 to less than 0.5 percent today. Many Turks believe that to be Turkish is to be Muslim and so view Christians in the country with suspicion. SAT-7's Turkish studio is based in Istanbul and programmes made here are aiming to change perceptions about Christians and educate Turks about the country's rich biblical history. Pray for a growing openness to the Gospel in Turkey.

**MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER
TAIZ, YEMEN**

Yemen's third largest city is bearing the brunt of humanitarian hardship in the ongoing civil war that began in 2014. Christians have been denied access to emergency humanitarian and medical aid and are increasingly targeted. Cry out to God for peace in Taiz and the whole of Yemen, and for provision for all those who are suffering there.

**TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER
TEHRAN, IRAN**

Iran's capital Tehran is home to the notorious Evin prison, which holds political prisoners, Christian converts and other prisoners of conscience. This jail has an international reputation for its brutality and poor treatment of inmates. Pray for God's protection, strength and peace for all those being held there, and for Iran's leaders to relent in their pursuit of those they consider enemies.

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER
BASET FROM AFGHANISTAN

"The famine has reached new levels of intensity," says Baset, a teacher in Afghanistan. "My income no longer covers my expenses. Food prices have increased. The price of flour has tripled, and the cost of oil has doubled." Pray for Baset and others in Afghanistan who cannot make ends meet to provide for their families.

**THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER**
CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE MENA

Egypt is hosting COP 27, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 2022, in Sharm El-Sheikh from 6-18 November. The region is the most water-scarce in the world and climate change is increasing the vulnerability of countries either enduring conflict or undergoing post-war transition. Aid agencies have warned that 12 million people in Iraq and Syria are losing access to water, food and electricity because of rising temperatures and reduced rainfall. Pray that states will prioritise addressing climate change for the future welfare of the region.

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER LEADERS AND PEACE

The MENA is associated with conflict and instability. Pray for key leaders in the region to seek peace with God, with each other and with neighbouring nations.

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER DARAB FROM IRAN

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I have had so many experiences but through your kindness, the Lord has really helped me – especially through the films that you are broadcasting. I thank God for you and for your ministry.” Pray for Darab today.



SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER ABOVE THE CLOUDS

SAT-7 KIDS’ first ever in-house animation film, *Above the Clouds*, is now being screened on SAT-7. It aims to teach children about the love of their heavenly Father and His amazing creation. Pray that God will use this film to speak into the hearts of young viewers.

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER UKRAINE CRISIS

Russia’s war with Ukraine is continuing to have a devastating impact on global supplies, resulting in rocketing prices for staple goods. The poorest and most vulnerable communities are most severely affected, including many in Egypt. Pray that families across the MENA will be able to obtain the food and other essentials they need.

**TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER
REFUGEES**

In the Old Testament when God's people are scattered among the nations, He acts as "a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone" (Ezekiel 11:16). Pray that refugees from the Middle East today will know the Lord's protection and that they will find hope through SAT-7 programmes.

**WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER
REEMA FROM ALGERIA**

"I am an 18-year-old girl from Algeria. I want to be guilt free," Reema told our viewer support team counsellor. The team member spoke to Reema about Jesus and sent her an electronic Bible. She later contacted us again to say: "Thank you. I'm very excited that I talked with you. You're truly kind and your words are exceedingly beautiful." Pray that the Lord will continue to work in Reema's life.

**THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER
FREE TO BELIEVE?**

Over the last few months, SAT-7 UK has been inviting Christians in the UK to add their voice to the End The Persecution initiative, led by The Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, Fiona Bruce MP. Our Free to Believe? campaign was launched at New Wine with the support of Archbishop Angaelos of the Coptic Orthodox Church and SAT-7 Founder and President, Dr Terence Ascott. Pray for all those working hard on behalf of persecuted believers around the world.

FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

A new series of the Dari-language programme *Following Christ* has been produced to help Afghan believers grow in their faith. This discipleship show, which covers the key foundations of Christian belief, is presented by Afghan pastor Noorullah Noor. Pray that this programme will be a great source of encouragement to viewers in Afghanistan.

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER**VIEWER SUPPORT TEAM**

Give thanks for SAT-7's viewer support team who provide prayer, advice and counselling to viewers. Ask that the Lord will give each member of the team wisdom and grace as they interact with viewers from across the MENA on a daily basis.

**SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER****ACCESS TO EDUCATION**

The ongoing conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Yemen have left well over 14 million children and young people without access to education. Pray for these students to be able to access learning, and that SAT-7's educational programmes will help and encourage them.

FOCUS**MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER WORLD TELEVISION DAY**

Television continues to be the single largest source of video consumption, according to the UN. Pray that God will be glorified in and through television across the world as we seek Him on this theme over the coming days.

**TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
SAT-7 ARABIC**

SAT-7's first channel, SAT-7 ARABIC, broadcasts to 21 Arabic-speaking countries across the MENA. At least 400 million people in this region have access to satellite TV. Pray that many of them will find SAT-7 ARABIC and that God will speak to them through the programmes on this channel.

**WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER
SAT-7 KIDS**

SAT-7 KIDS is the first and only Arabic Christian channel for children. Many children in the MENA grow up surrounded by conflict and uncertainty, and they desperately need to know that God loves them. Through its vibrant and varied schedule, SAT-7 KIDS provides a safe, positive space for its young viewers. Pray that both children and their parents will encounter Jesus' love through this channel.

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER**SAT-7 PARS**

SAT-7 PARS broadcasts to millions of Persian-speakers in Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Many people in these repressive countries feel hopeless but SAT-7 PARS is countering this desperation with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through the channel, Persian-speaking Christians can share their faith with seekers and encourage their fellow believers. Give thanks for this incredible opportunity.

**FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER****ANSAR FROM AFGHANISTAN**

"Greetings in the Lord to you and all staff at SAT-7 PARS, who day and night serve the dear believers. Your excellent programmes give us the strength to pray and worship the Lord better. We benefit from the talks given by teachers on your programmes and are blessed and receive grace. May the Lord give you the means to create even better programmes. Your kind and pure hearts are helping to strengthen our faith."

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER**SAT-7 TÜRK**

SAT-7 TÜRK is an unprecedented opportunity for Christians in Turkey to broadcast God's love to others in their country – and beyond. It is the first and only Christian channel to be allowed to broadcast on the government-regulated satellite Türksat, which has an audience of 50 million in Turkey, as well as viewers in Europe and Central Asia. Pray for SAT-7 TÜRK's impact in this region.

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER
SAT-7 PLUS

SAT-7 PLUS is the Middle East's first on-demand Christian video streaming service available online worldwide. Streaming content in Arabic, Farsi and Turkish, this new platform enables SAT-7 to bring the life-changing message of the Gospel to a wider, younger audience. Pray for the continued growth of this service.

**MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER**
PROGRAMME-MAKERS

Give thanks for the creativity of SAT-7's programme-makers who produce such varied and vivid shows, often on very tight budgets. Pray that the Lord will inspire them as they write scripts, design sets and film episodes of each programme.

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER
TECHNICAL STAFF

No SAT-7 programme could be made and aired without the hard work and skill of SAT-7's technical staff, who operate production, editing and broadcast equipment. Pray that the Lord will encourage them in their work and provide all the resources they need.

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
PREPARING FOR ADVENT

"The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Prepare your heart and mind as we enter the season of Advent. Give thanks to God for His true light through the coming of Jesus.



GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE

The Middle East and North Africa is one of the world's youngest regions: those aged up to 24 comprise nearly half of the population – so ministering to children and young people is a key priority for SAT-7.

"From our earliest days, SAT-7 has been committed to sharing God's love with young people in the MENA," explains SAT-7 CEO Rita El-Mounayer. "We long to see them entering into fullness of life in Christ and enjoying the fruits of His Kingdom; and we know that the future of our precious but troubled region lies in their hands."

An especially effective way to minister to young people through media is to enable them to witness to each other. Through a series of 100 spots on

the children's channel SAT-7 KIDS, a space has been opened for children to express themselves and encourage others watching at home. "I thank God for the life

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Daniel, SAT-7 viewer

he gives us every day," says young Christina from Syria. "I thank Him because He saved us from war," contributes Marianne from Iraq*.

"One of SAT-7's key priorities is to recruit young presenters as role models for youth who can be their voice on our channels and social media," says Ms El-Mounayer. Several new programmes currently in production by SAT-7's children's channel SAT-7 KIDS are fronted by young presenters. One is *Cupcake*, in which young people discuss topics about harmful behaviours and how to address them in a spiritual way. Another example is *By The Way*, a programme presented and written by teenager Markus Kashouh (pictured above), in which he addresses problems and challenges faced by his generation in Lebanon.



Viewers express their gratitude to SAT-7 for how the programmes are helping them in their lives, what they are learning, and how they are growing in their faith. Nour, a young Arab viewer, is thankful for SAT-7 and for the way it helps children "lift up their faith and love Jesus more".

Daniel, an Arab parent, agrees. "Through your activities, you have greatly aided me as a parent in teaching about Jesus and His love for us. Thank you for bringing us delight."

Give thanks for the platform SAT-7 provides for children and young people to share their faith with each other.

Pray for the SAT-7 KIDS channel as it makes new programmes and recruits new young presenters; ask for the Lord's guidance and inspiration.

*Viewer names have been changed

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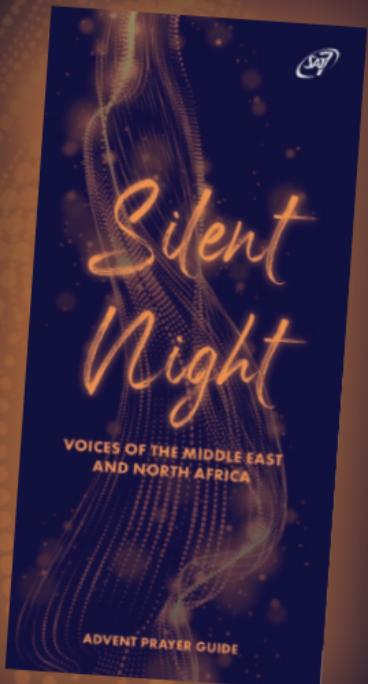


Silent Night

Your Advent prayer guide replaces the Prayer Diary for the month of December. Join us for Silent Night as we focus on the voices of believers in the Middle East and North Africa.

You should receive your copy of Advent Prayer in the post in time to begin praying on 1 December.

If you'd like to order extra copies or find out more about our church pack, visit sat7uk.org/advent, scan the QR code or get in touch with us at the contact details overleaf.



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SAT-7 broadcasts 24/7 in Arabic, Persian and Turkish



SAT-7 is watched by millions of people in 25 countries

SAT-7 had 84,000 one-to-one viewer conversations in 2021



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