

PRAYER DIARY

JANUARY 2023



SUNDAY 1 JANUARY **FAITH**

Happy New Year! Take some time today to commit the next 12 months to the Lord and ask Him to strengthen your faith this year. "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'" (Luke 17:5).

MONDAY 2 JANUARY **MEETING WITH SUPPORTERS**

Thank God for the opportunities that SAT-7 UK had to promote this ministry in 2022 – after two years limited by the coronavirus pandemic. A total of 98 events were attended. These included 81 church speaking engagements; 16 events ran by SAT-7; and exhibitions at six conferences.

TUESDAY 3 JANUARY **SILENT NIGHT CHRISTMAS** **CAMPAIGN**

Give thanks for the schools, churches, and individuals who engaged with the Silent Night Advent resources and challenges. Pray that the campaign will have a lasting impact, raising awareness and support for SAT-7 as we amplify the voices of Christians in the MENA.

Watch SAT-7's Silent Night music video at www.sat7uk.org/silent

WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY **SAT-7 TEAMS ACROSS THE WORLD**

Pray a blessing of unity on SAT-7's entire international team of staff, freelancers and volunteers, as they continue to bring joy, show love, and strengthen faith in the MENA in 2023.

THURSDAY 5 JANUARY **RITA EL-MOUNAYER**

Pray for SAT-7 CEO Rita El-Mounayer in line with Ephesians 1:17: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit

of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." Pray that God's wisdom and revelation will guide Rita throughout 2023.

Iran

FRIDAY 6 JANUARY

The death in police custody of Mahsa Amini, who was arrested for not wearing the hijab properly last September, sparked protests across Iran. At the time of writing, the government crackdown had resulted in the deaths of hundreds of protestors, the arrests of thousands and the death penalty being issued to those considered "key perpetrators". Cry out to the Lord for Iran over the coming days.

SATURDAY 7 JANUARY **PROTESTERS**

Lift up to the Lord those who have lost loved ones or been injured in the protests. Pray that God will comfort them, heal them and reveal Himself to them.

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY LEADERS

Pray for a move of God among the leaders of Iran, that they would “act justly and love mercy and walk humbly” (Micah 6:8) before Him. Ask that they will consider the plight of women in the country and respond with compassion.

MONDAY 9 JANUARY IMPRISONED

“Please pray for the young people of Iran who are currently in prisons and are being tortured. May the Father extend His hand of protection over them and grant the fear of God to prison staff. Holy Spirit, flood over the spirit of Iranians, meet and heal them, in the dear name of Jesus Christ.” – Fardeen, SAT-7 PARS viewer

TUESDAY 10 JANUARY SECRET CHURCHES

Pray for Iranian Christians who gather in homes and other hidden places to pray, encourage each other, and praise God. Ask the Lord to fill them with His Holy Spirit and give them the strength to keep trusting Him.

WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY SIGNAL

Pray for SAT-7 PARS live show *Signal* as it amplifies the voices of Christians in Iran. Ask God to encourage Iranian viewers through the stories and testimonies featured on the programme.

THURSDAY 12 JANUARY DREAMS AND VISIONS

Pray that God will continue to speak to people in Iran through prophecies, dreams, and visions. “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions” (Joel 2:28).

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY HEAVENLY WORSHIP

SAT-7 programme *Heavenly Worship* encourages Iranian and Afghan viewers who cannot meet with other believers to praise God. Each episode features a different worship band to lead viewers through a specific theme. Pray this programme will lift the spirits of viewers as they follow Jesus alone.

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY NEW IDENTITY

SAT-7 PARS programme *New Identity* is helping women in Iran to discover their true value in Christ. “It is so painful to read about the social conditions in Iran and about the pressures brought to bear on women... Their rights and positions are trampled, and their identity is marred,” says presenter Rozita Hovsepian. Pray that through this programme more Iranian women will find their true identity in Christ.

General

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY SAT-7 PLUS

Online streaming platform SAT-7 PLUS continues to grow since going live in early 2021. SAT-7 PLUS makes quality Christian content available on-demand and on-the-move, as increasing numbers of people in the MENA watch our programmes on handheld devices. Pray that God will guide the development of the SAT-7 PLUS platform.

MONDAY 16 JANUARY **TÜRKIYE AND ARMENIA RELATIONS**

Türkiye and Armenia agreed to start normalising relations in 2021 and several rounds of talks have taken place since then. In October 2022, the leaders of both countries met in person for the first time. Pray that the hostility between Türkiye and Armenia will continue to decrease.

TUESDAY 17 JANUARY **LIVE AT PEACE**

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (Romans 12:18). Pray that more leaders in the MENA will be inspired to build rather than burn bridges with their neighbours.

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY **SUDAN: FREEDOM UNDER THREAT**

The military in Sudan has ignored the guarantees of religious freedom and equality for Christians made by the transitional government that it removed in a coup over a year ago. Security agents are again raiding churches and arresting

converts. Please pray for believers in Sudan and ask that the international community will use its leverage to reinstate accountable civilian rule.

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY **DON'T LOSE HEART**

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). Pray for SAT-7's viewers, that they will not lose heart in the face of challenges and opposition.

Children

FRIDAY 20 JANUARY **CHILDREN OF THE MENA**

The children of the MENA face many struggles. Some face life-threatening issues like violent conflict and food insecurity, while others are severely impacted by social issues like oppression and scarce education opportunities. SAT-7 provides a safe, positive space for its young viewers. Pray that more children across the region will tune into SAT-7's

programmes and be blessed by them.

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY **SAT-7 VIEWER JALEELA**

"My four-year-old son has anger issues and my eight-year-old daughter is stubborn and doesn't listen to anything I say," Jaleela told our SAT-7 ARABIC viewer support team. They encouraged Jaleela to deal with her children lovingly and pray for them.

"I started applying your advice, and indeed there is a slight response." Pray that Jaleela's relationship with her children will continue to improve.

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY **THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'" (Matthew 19:14). Thank God for His love for all children.

MONDAY 23 JANUARY

PARENTING

The violent discipline of children is commonplace in much of the MENA. Ask God to soften hearts and help parents find an alternative.

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

UN International Day of Education

My School, airing on SAT-7 KIDS and streaming on SAT-7 PLUS, is an education programme aimed at children across the MENA who cannot access formal school because of conflict, displacement and poverty. Give thanks for this provision of free, high-quality education, and pray that more children will find and benefit from *My School*.

WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

HASHTAG

Popular SAT-7 PARS live show *Hashtag*, now in its third season, continues to entertain children and educate them about the Bible. New sections involve science experiments and a painting competition, adding even more variety to an exciting array of content. Pray that more non-Christian viewers will watch and be inspired by *Hashtag*.

THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

SAT-7 TÜRK KIDS

SAT-7 TÜRK Kids helps its viewers by teaching them positive values from a young age. Segments vary from day to day and include children's songs, crafts, and sharing stories from the Bible. The unchanging message of the series, though, is the Good News of Jesus and God's love for children. Pray that Turkish children would know through this programme that God loves them.

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

SAT-7 VIEWER SIAMAK

"Thank You God for creating us so that we might worship you with our hearts, our minds and our lips. May it be that, like David, we will worship You by dancing in joy and not be concerned about what people may say, and to worship You because we love You. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen." – Siamak, a young boy from Iran. Thank God for Siamak's passion!

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

IRANIAN CHILDREN

As the authorities in Iran seek to stem the growth of the Church in the country, Christians who are active in witness face a variety of punishments, one of which is loss of their children's education. Pray that people in positions of power in Iran will not target children in this discriminatory way.

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

CHURCH4KIDS

"I always feel like I am worshipping when I take part in *Church4Kids*. I am so grateful to you, my lovely auntie, for teaching me and helping me to know God and His Son Jesus Christ." – Maral from Iran.

SAT-7 PARS Instagram programme *Church4Kids*, presented by Maryam (right), is an interactive form of junior church where many viewers send in video messages. Pray that more children like Maral will learn about Jesus through *Church4Kids*.

MONDAY 30 JANUARY

MAURITANIAN CHILDREN

Around 10% of Mauritanian children are suffering from acute malnutrition. Pray for better food access in the short-term, and ask God to raise up entrepreneurial Mauritians to tackle the problem long-term.

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

GIRLS IN THE MENA

Ten years have now passed since the UN initiated The International Day of the Girl Child to draw the world's attention to the plight of young girls around the world. Please pray for girls in the MENA, who are especially vulnerable to early and forced marriage, and have lower rates of schooling than boys. Pray that they will be free to choose their own futures safely and without opposition.



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