



PRAYER DIARY

For SAT-7 and the Middle East
April 2023



An image from the title sequence of SAT-7 ARABIC programme Free Souls, depicting a dove (the Holy Spirit) breaking chains

Dear Friend,

Welcome to your SAT-7 Prayer Diary for April 2023.

Following on from our last Prayer Diary, we have two more beautiful Lent Prayers, focusing on different countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Our final one, on Easter Sunday, features as part of a 'new life' theme. Plenty of people in the MENA are in need of the new life Jesus offers, and none more so than the people of Türkiye and Syria after February's devastating earthquakes. Your continued prayers for those affected are vital.

As the MENA increasingly moves online, SAT-7 is keeping up with the developing needs of its viewers. We would really value your prayers for our interactions on social media, which are increasing as more and more people reach out for prayer and support.

Thank you for your prayers. The words you offer to God have eternal significance!

Benjamin Doherty

Communications & Resources

SATURDAY 1 APRIL CHILDREN OF GOD

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1a) Thank God that He calls us His children!

SUNDAY 2 APRIL LENT FOCUS #6

Yemen 

"We pray for Yemen, for the war to end and for refugees who left their homes and those who lost their families. They need consolation. We ask for prayer for the Yemeni church to see the hand of the Lord in Yemen at this time.

We ask that the Lord declare Himself during these circumstances. We pray for church volunteers in Yemen. We ask for prayer for the Yemenis in the diaspora. May the Lord send His peace in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."



- Ashraf Elsamey, Yemeni SAT-7 presenter living in Cyprus

MONDAY 3 APRIL TÜRKIYE & SYRIA EARTHQUAKES

More than 50,000 people died as a result of the Türkiye-Syria earthquakes on 6 February this year. Pray that God will comfort and heal those in the region who are injured, grieving or traumatised, and that SAT-7's programming will bring hope to our viewers in Türkiye and Syria.



TUESDAY 4 APRIL

FOCUS: NEW LIFE

Jesus' resurrection changed the world forever. His coming back to life shows us that nothing and no-one is beyond His redeeming power. Praise God for this truth and bring to Him any situations in your life that need His redemption.



WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

NEW BIRTH

"Through new birth I have drawn away from hatred, envy, anger and pessimism and been less judgemental toward others, instead showing them love and respect. I feel that the burden of fear in my spirit has diminished." - Dariush, SAT-7 PARS viewer from Iran. Pray that Dariush will continue his journey away from fear and towards Jesus.

THURSDAY 6 APRIL

PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

Many people in Iran are turning from their old beliefs and beginning a new life with Jesus. Now in its eighth season, *Principles of Faith* exists especially for these new believers, helping to teach them about living a life of faith. Pray they will be strengthened through this programme!

FRIDAY 7 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16a). On this Good Friday, thank Jesus that He died so you could live!

SATURDAY 8 APRIL

KAMEEL FROM MOROCCO

"I'm a 20-year-old man from Morocco, and I want to change," shared Kameel. After some discussion, the team prayed a salvation prayer with Kameel, sent him a link to an online Bible, and agreed to start one-to-one discipleship with him. Praise God for Kameel's new life in Christ!

EASTER SUNDAY

9 APRIL

LENT FOCUS #7

Afghanistan

"Oh Lord, God of love, I pray for my dear homeland, Afghanistan. I thank You for this nation and for choosing some from among its people to be Your children and to glorify Your name. Heavenly Father, You desire goodness and well-being for all people. Let the knowledge of the Lord be established in this land, so that the people's fear of war and killing will disappear and their hearts are captured by the love of God. You alone are the way and the life – I pray that Your ways will be made known to the people of my land.

Lord Jesus Christ, the people of Afghanistan are surrounded by problems and are experiencing suffering and torment. As our loving God, You have known suffering and torment, and to achieve our rescue and freedom, You came as a human being to take our suffering upon yourself so that we may be released from our bondage to sin and experience joy in place of anguish. For that purpose, You gave Your life on the cross, died and rose again, so that whoever believes in You may have eternal life. Thank You for Your endless grace and love. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, amen."



- Noorullah Noor, Afghan SAT-7 presenter living in Germany

MONDAY 10 APRIL

SPRING BLOSSOM

As spring bursts into life, we are blessed by the sight of blossom – proof that winter doesn't last forever. Thank God that He is at work in the UK and in the MENA, making all things new!

TUESDAY 11 APRIL**WORLDVIEW**

SAT-7 TÜRK programme *Worldview* presents global news from a Christian perspective, helping Christian voices to be heard and reshaping the public's view of Christianity in Türkiye. Pray that *Worldview* will break down barriers between Turkish people and Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Pray for Rachel Fadipe, Executive Director of SAT-7 UK, that her faith will continue to grow, and that her work for SAT-7 will bear much fruit.

THURSDAY 13 APRIL**CHURCH GROUPS IN THE MENA**

As Lent comes to an end this week, pray for believers in the MENA who have been observing the season, including Orthodox, Catholic, and Anglican congregations. Ask God to reveal Himself to them and increase their faith!

FRIDAY 14 APRIL**VULNERABLE LIVES**

As conflict rumbles on in Syria, Yemen and Libya, many expectant mothers, new mothers, and newborn babies live in near-constant danger. Pray for God's mercy on these vulnerable families, asking for His protection and comfort.

SATURDAY 15 APRIL**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

The International Council comprises Christian leaders from the MENA and representatives of SAT-7's channels, support offices, and Partners. Pray for them as they guide and oversee SAT-7's work.

SUNDAY 16 APRIL**BORN AGAIN**

"Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'" (John 3:3). Pray that many people across the Middle East will be born again and see the Kingdom of God for themselves.

MONDAY 17 APRIL**FOCUS: DIGITAL MEDIA**

Satellite television remains at the core of SAT-7's ministry, but in this digital age, and as the MENA increasingly moves online, SAT-7 is keeping up with the developing needs of its viewers. Pray that God will direct SAT-7's digital strategy and bless those who connect with SAT-7 through social media.

**TUESDAY 18 APRIL****FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE**

Over 2 million people liked our Facebook pages by the end of 2022, and our YouTube videos attracted 33 million views during the year. Praise God for all the individuals who are engaging with SAT-7's content online!

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL**UN WORLD CREATIVITY & INNOVATION DAY**

Thank God for all of SAT-7's staff who create content for social media. Pray that the Lord will bless them with divine ideas and inspire them in their creativity.

THURSDAY 20 APRIL**"PRAISE THE LORD"**

Marjan, a SAT-7 PARS viewer, wrote to us recently: "I will be glad to join you [on programme *Sanctuary of the Heart*] on Instagram, where I already follow you," she said. "I am grateful that you are active on social media as well as via satellite." Let's pray along with Marjan: "Praise the Lord for providing the means so that the Lord's children can be joined together and seek to know the Father."

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

CREATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

Many believers in the MENA cannot practise their faith publicly. Pray that God will help them discover alternative ways to grow, including through the digital discipleship content made by SAT-7.

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

SCREEN TIME

Managing screen time is difficult enough for adults, let alone young people! Pray that SAT-7's young viewers will develop the maturity to strike a healthy balance between their digital activities and other pursuits.

SUNDAY 23 APRIL

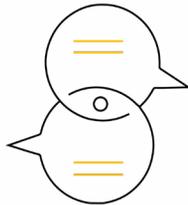
WISDOM

Pray for wisdom for SAT-7 UK's digital team as they seek to spread the word about SAT-7's work in an increasingly secular society. Ask God to give them discernment on how best to reach the right people.

MONDAY 24 APRIL

ONE-TO-ONE CONVERSATIONS

In 2022, SAT-7's viewer support teams had over 107,000 one-to-one conversations with viewers. Thank God for all of these conversations and ask Him to secure all the truth and wisdom that was imparted in them. Pray that He will continue to work in each life.



TUESDAY 25 APRIL

JINAN FROM LEBANON

"Hello, I have a young boy and he loves you so much. You are the best channel for my children. He keeps watching you on TV and participates in your programmes. Also, he keeps holding the phone and watches you on Facebook. I need to thank you because we got attached to you and we can find you everywhere, either by TV or by social media." Pray that God will grow strong faith in Jinan and her son through SAT-7's content.

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL

SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORTERS

Pray for those who regularly engage with SAT-7 on various social media platforms. Ask God to bless them through our content and lead them into a deeper relationship with Himself.

THURSDAY 27 APRIL

CHURCH4KIDS

Instagram live programme *Church4Kids* enables children, mostly from Iran, to receive Christian teaching and participate in discussions as well as facilitating friendship and fellowship. Ask God to strengthen the faith of all the children involved with *Church4Kids*.

FRIDAY 28 APRIL

DARA, CHURCH4KIDS VIEWER

Dara sent a voice message in response to a message he received from the *Church4Kids* team. He said: "I have missed joining the programme so much. I haven't been able to join you because of the internet situation in Iran... Thank you so much for your message to me." Pray for Dara, that he will be able to join in with *Church4Kids* again and continue learning more about Jesus.

SATURDAY 29 APRIL

IMPACT

Pray for the social media impact of SAT-7's support offices in Brazil, USA, and Canada. Pray that many more people will discover SAT-7 and connect with the heart of our ministry.

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

CHURCH4AFGHANISTAN

Available on Facebook and Instagram, *Church4Afghanistan* "will further support the Christians in Afghanistan by providing them with a platform through which they can access Christian resources and receive mature Christian teaching in Dari, their own heart language, as well as make their voices heard," says Panayiotis Keenan, Executive Director of SAT-7 PARS. Pray that many Afghans will be encouraged by this initiative.



GOD OF DREAMS AND VISIONS

By broadcasting faith-filled programmes into people's homes, SAT-7 can take the Gospel to places it has never been before. But God has His own ways of communicating with people – He is able to speak through dreams and visions! SAT-7 regularly hears from viewers in the MENA who have had a dream or vision of Jesus, and we can help them grow in their faith and understanding: firstly by listening to their testimonies; secondly by amplifying them with other viewers' stories; and thirdly by helping to interpret them.

HEAR

Houshyar from Iran shared with us: "I was concerned about a problem... And that night I saw Jesus Christ in a dream. He came alongside me in my sleep and said, 'Don't be anxious, good days are ahead of you.' I replied, 'And who are you?' He showed me His hands and I saw the nail marks and immediately knew Him. I said, 'You are Jesus Christ.' He smiled, said, 'Yes', and kissed my forehead.

"He said, 'Don't be surprised, because I know whenever you watch a programme that shows the crucifixion you close your eyes and weep – that is enough for me, and there are good days ahead.' I was shocked by my dream and I am very happy."

“
I was shocked by my dream and I am very happy.”

AMPLIFY

Mehrbano from Iran shared her story: "As a result of seeing Jesus in a dream about seven or eight years ago, I got myself a Bible and began to study it." But she struggled to understand the teaching at her church, and her faith was stagnating. Until, she continued, "I was off work three weeks ago and coincidentally watched *Signal*." *Signal* is a SAT-7 PARS show that aims to connect believers to each other by sharing their testimonies.

"I thirst for meeting the Lord in the way that many dear people have experienced meeting with Him," Mehrbano said. Hearing other people's stories on the programme, and connecting them to her own, has strengthened her faith. "Although in a way I met the Lord seven or eight years ago, I didn't really recognise Him," she said. "But today I want to give my heart to Christ and truly experience living with Him. I am ready today to give my heart and my life to Him."

INTERPRET

Afsoon, an Iranian woman in her late twenties, has a remarkable story. Her sister had an incurable disease and, without knowing why, they decided to pray and ask Jesus for help. That night she dreamt she was walking with Jesus, and both were carrying a cross. Then they reached a place where Jesus said that her sister had been healed, and she must continue and carry her cross. Then Afsoon saw Jesus was crucified. She said, "I was a witness to it and I will never forget the love in the face of Jesus as He was bleeding."

Soon after, Afsoon's sister was miraculously healed from her illness! But Afsoon did not understand the dream fully. SAT-7's viewer support team explored the meaning of the dream with her and explained how God works all things together for the good of those who love Him. Afsoon said that she felt something heavy lift off her, and peace come in its place. With continued guidance and support from SAT-7, Afsoon is now excited to follow Jesus. Thank God for dreams!

“
I will never forget the love in the face of Jesus.”



PARTNER YOUR CHURCH WITH SAT-7

BRING JOY TO THE MIDDLE EAST

Your church could be part of an exciting story – helping to write a new chapter of joy for the people of the Middle East – by partnering with SAT-7 in 2023.

A church partnership with SAT-7 is based around a three-year meaningful connection and commitment to a specific people group across the region. Or you can support a flagship media project for one year, focused on impacting a specific people group.

You can choose one of the following six groups: out-of-school children; Arabic children; the Arabic Church; young Christians in Turkey; isolated believers in Iran; women across the Middle East.



The church's giving will be directed to TV and digital media projects directly impacting your chosen community, and the congregation will have opportunities to hear from SAT-7 staff involved in producing and presenting programmes. We will provide inspiring stories, presentations and prayer resources to motivate your church, and also offer studio visits.

To find out more about SAT-7's Church Partnership programme, please contact Julia Jolley on:

jjolley@sat7uk.org or 01249 765865.

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



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

SAT-7 had over 107,000 one-to-one viewer conversations in 2022



Names of viewers throughout have been changed and images used for representation only.

Images: SAT-7, Shutterstock.com

Scripture quotations taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version Anglicised Copyright © 1979, 1984, 2011 Biblica (unless stated otherwise). Used by permission of Hodder & Stoughton Ltd, an Hachette UK company. All rights reserved. 'NIV' is a registered trademark of Biblica UK trademark number 1448790.

Visit

www.sat7uk.org

today for the latest news
on SAT-7's work in the
Middle East.



SAT-7 UK

Registered Charity No. 1060612

Post: PO Box 3941, Chippenham SN15 9HQ

Tel: 01249 765865