

PRAYER DIARY

APRIL 2023



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 AND 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.

New life

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!

General

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.

Digital media

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 AND 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.



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