



PRAYER DIARY



For SAT-7 and the Middle East
September 2023



FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

LEARNING AND LITERACY

It is estimated that around a quarter of people in the MENA cannot read or write, and one in five children in the region are not in school. At the start of this school year, let's give thanks for SAT-7's educational content and praise God that through television, even those who are illiterate can learn more about Him.

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

MY SCHOOL

Give thanks that five seasons of *My School* are now complete, providing an entire primary school-level curriculum of science, maths, English and Arabic. Pray that this virtual schooling will help rebuild shattered lives and give children a brighter future.

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

E-LEARNING

SAT-7 has partnered with online learning experts Lebanon Alternative Learning to create over 250 free online games, activities and challenges based on the fifth season of *My School*. Give thanks for these valuable resources and pray that many children will engage with them.

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

BACK TO SCHOOL

Pray for any children and teachers you know who are returning to school this week – or starting for the first time – that they will feel excited and ready for the year ahead.

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

SAT-7 ACADEMY

The vision of SAT-7 ACADEMY, our brand of education programmes, 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 God's blessing on this vision.

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

WOMEN'S LITERACY

Of those in the MENA who are illiterate, around two thirds are women. Pray for increased opportunities for women to learn to read and write, and for girls' education to be taken seriously.

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

PRAY FOR VIEWER SALEM

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Anyone who earnestly seeks education will follow the programme *My School*. The teachers are professional and have great teaching skills. They spare no effort in explaining the material to all viewers regardless of their education level, age or language. They teach with passion and engage with the viewers.”

Praise God for the positive impact of *My School* in Salem's life.



FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Today is International Literacy Day. Give thanks that you are able to read these prayer points! Pray for ever-increasing literacy rates in the MENA.

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER EDUCATION IN LEBANON

The Lebanese education system is in crisis. Out-of-control inflation has left many parents struggling to pay tuition fees and transport fares. Many teachers and public schools are on long-term strike. Pray for Lebanese children who are missing out on an education, and for a swift return to normality.

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER TEACHING PARENTS



Marie from Lebanon was struggling to engage her children in academic study, and was questioning her parenting abilities. After receiving parenting advice and prayer from the SAT-7 viewer support team, Marie said: "I love your advice and guidance. I stopped obsessing over what people think of how I relate to my children. I am now working to love them well. Thank you for your help with that." Give thanks that SAT-7 is helping parents to raise their children in love.

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). True knowledge and wisdom come from walking with God. Pray that as children and adults gain education through SAT-7, they will also start to learn about the Lord.

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER INSIDERS

SAT-7 PARS women's programme *Insiders* covers the various violations of human rights in Iran. Pray that viewers will be informed about their rights, and that this will help bring about freedom and change in Iran.

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER DARE TO BELIEVE

Pray for upcoming Dare to Believe events in Oxford and Exeter, at which SAT-7 Founder Terry Ascott will share stories of faith from the Middle East. Pray God's blessing over the preparations and ask that many people will attend. (Find out more: sat7uk.org/events)

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER WHOLESOME CONTENT

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things" (Philippians 4:8). In a digital world full of inappropriate and unsafe content, give thanks that SAT-7's media is wholesome and godly.

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER ABIR IN ALGERIA

"I have been a Christian since 2015, and I have been watching SAT-7 since 2019. Before, I followed a different religion, but now I am the daughter of the Lord Jesus. I thank the Lord for saving me. Your teaching has been so beneficial to me. Despite the difficult circumstances I have been facing, I have grown spiritually through the things you have taught me. I am truly blessed and honoured to know you."

Give thanks for Abir's journey with Jesus and SAT-7.



SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER TÜRKIYE

With devastating earthquakes earlier this year, skyrocketing inflation, out-of-control living costs and increasing religious nationalism, Türkiye really needs our prayers. Over the next couple of weeks, let's give thanks for SAT-7's Turkish channel and pray especially for the tiny minority of Christians in the country.



SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER TIME TO BUILD

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh" (Ecclesiastes 3: 1,3b-4a). Over 50,000 people died and at least two million lost their homes in February's devastating earthquakes. Pray that as Türkiye is rebuilt, God will restore the people's joy.

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER WISDOM AND UNITY

The Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdoğan was re-elected in May, and now begins his third decade in power. Pray that Erdoğan will govern with fairness and wisdom, and ask for unity and healing of divisions in a society that has become very polarised.

TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER SAFE HOMES

Millions of people in Türkiye, including some SAT-7 TÜRK staff, are living in homes which would be unsafe in the event of another earthquake. Rents are subsequently being driven up in earthquake-resistant homes. Pray for the urgent provision of safe housing.

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER CHRISTIANS IN TÜRKIYE

Christians face discrimination in Türkiye as there is increasing religious nationalism in this mostly Islamic country. They are often denied visas and employment, and are viewed with suspicion. Pray for Christians in Türkiye as they live in this environment, and give thanks that SAT-7 TÜRK gives them a voice.

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER YOU ARE NOT ALONE

A viewer of Turkish programme *You Are Not Alone* got in touch to say: "As a Christian woman in our society, sometimes one feels stuck. SAT-7 TÜRK helps me overcome the feeling of being alone." Give thanks that isolated Christians are finding community through SAT-7 TÜRK's programmes.

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER LOCAL CHURCHES

Give thanks for the many local churches and congregations who opened their buildings and homes to earthquake survivors and provided food, clothes and supplies. Praise God for this loving witness and ask that many will be drawn to find out more about the source of this love.

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER POPULATION EXCHANGE

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Greek-Turkish population exchange, in which around one and a half million people were forcibly relocated according to their religion and ethnicity. The event is being commemorated with a full-length feature film on SAT-7 TÜRK, telling the story of two families caught up in the expulsion. Give thanks for this special film and pray it will bring understanding and healing.



The Church of St Peter, one of the world's oldest churches, in Antakya (Antioch), Türkiye

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER TÜRKIYE'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Türkiye has a rich and ancient Christian history – it was home to some of the very first churches established by the apostles, including all seven of the churches mentioned in Revelation. Give thanks that SAT-7 TÜRK is publicising and celebrating this extraordinary heritage, which is largely unknown amongst Turkish people today.

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER COST OF LIVING

The cost of living in Türkiye is spiralling out of control as the Turkish lira has weakened to record lows with inflation peaking at 85% last October. Pray for those who are struggling and ask God to give wisdom to those in charge of tackling the economic crisis.

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER FATİH IN TÜRKIYE

Fatih got in touch to say: "Please pray that I may always live as a faithful believer of the Lord." Pray for Fatih and Turkish believers like him, that they will remain faithful to Christ even under pressure.

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER PARABLES OF JESUS

New show *Parables of Jesus* was filmed in Morocco and dramatises Jesus' parables with Moroccan actors, some of whom aren't believers themselves. Pray that through the show, whether taking part in production or watching on SAT-7, people will learn more about Jesus and His love.

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Give thanks for music and worship programmes on SAT-7. Ask that the Holy Spirit will speak to viewers' hearts through worship songs in their own languages.

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER ELHAM IN AFGHANISTAN

"A few months ago the Taliban started doing house to house searches and were even confiscating people's smartphones. I had a few articles about Christianity on my phone which I had to delete as a precaution. In truth, I had no other option. Now would you kindly please send a few booklets so that I can read and be encouraged?"

Pray for Elham's safety and ask that he will be able to access the Christian resources he needs.



SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER RENEWED STRENGTH

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Pray for renewed strength for all who hope in the Lord across the MENA.

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BECOME A JOY BRINGER WITH A REGULAR GIFT!

People in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) have faced relentless challenges in recent years.

SAT-7 has been there for viewers day after day, whatever situation they face, for more than 25 years. Our teams are committed to walking alongside people across the MENA during the challenges they face. But to do this, we rely on regular, committed partners to stand with us.

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I came to know your channel via satellite television, and I was drawn by the conversations about prayer and love. Your WhatsApp messages and prayers have helped me to have more peace. Thank you for the time you set aside for me and for helping me to give my heart to Jesus.”

FARAH, AFGHANISTAN

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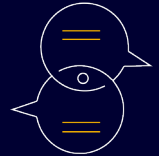
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SAT-7 is watched by millions of people in 25 countries

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



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