

PRAYER DIARY

OCTOBER 2023



SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

GOD'S GUIDANCE

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps" (Proverbs 16:9). As we start a new Prayer Diary, pray that God will lead your plans and guide your steps in the coming months.

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

PRAY FOR MOROCCO

Pray for the nation of Morocco as it grieves and rebuilds after September's devastating earthquake. One of SAT-7's producers in Morocco shares: "Thanks to God I am alive. My family are doing well, but we are all overwhelmed with the terrifying scenes of death and chaos around. Please pray for Morocco and pray for us."

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

TOXIC FILM

New SAT-7 ARABIC film *Toxic* follows four people who have survived violence and cruelty of various kinds. Pray that the film will help build bridges of understanding, empathy, and compassion and that viewers will find healing from past trauma.

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

PRAY FOR LIBYA

More than 11,000 people were killed in September's floods in Libya, and the eastern city of Derna has all but vanished underwater. Pray that ongoing relief efforts will reach those in need, and that the Lord will be comfort the brokenhearted.

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

PRAY FOR ARSHIA IN PAKISTAN

"Greetings to all the colleagues at SAT-7 PARS. I am so grateful to the living Lord Jesus Christ that I am together with my family in Pakistan, despite the difficult conditions here. My landlord has prevented us from placing a satellite dish on the roof... I am deprived of watching your wonderful programmes. Please pray that I will be rescued from these conditions."

SAT-7 in the UK

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

SAT-7 IN THE UK

The SAT-7 UK office, based in Chippenham, exists to raise funds, engage supporters and inspire prayer for SAT-7's work in the Middle East. We would really value your prayers for us as individuals, our team, and all our work and activities in the UK.

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

NEW RECRUITS

Give thanks for three new recruits in the SAT-7 UK team. Pray that their inductions go smoothly, that they will settle in quickly to their roles, and that they will feel warmly welcomed by their new SAT-7 family!

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

CHURCH PARTNERS

Give thanks for SAT-7 UK's Church Partners – churches who have made a commitment to support a specific people group or media project with prayer and financial giving. Pray that these partnerships will be a blessing both to SAT-7's projects and the church congregations who support them.

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

FUNDRAISING

One of SAT-7 UK's main functions is to raise the vital funding needed for our teams on the ground in the Middle East. Pray for creativity, boldness and integrity in all our fundraising efforts, and ask that God will bless the ministry abundantly with financial provision.

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

The autumn is a busy time at SAT-7 UK, with lots of projects on the go and plans being made for next year. Today, on World Mental Health Day, pray for the mental wellbeing of all who work at SAT-7 UK. Ask that God will give each member of the team peace of mind even amidst the busyness.

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

SUPPORTERS

Give thanks for SAT-7's supporters in the UK – like you! – who pray, give and help the ministry in so many ways. Thank God that He chooses to include all of us in His great worldwide mission.

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

ADVENT RESOURCES

Pray God's blessing on this year's Silent Night Advent campaign. Ask that many individuals and churches will get involved and enjoy using the resources. (Visit sat7uk.org/advent to find out more!)

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER

AMBASSADORS

Thank God for the many UK Ambassadors and volunteers who represent SAT-7 in their churches and networks, and ask Him to bless them in their roles. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire more to become volunteers and Ambassadors!

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

DARE TO BELIEVE EXETER

Pray for today's Dare to Believe event in Exeter. Please ask that the event will run smoothly and that lots of people will attend and be inspired!

General

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

SUDAN CIVIL WAR

Since fighting broke out in Khartoum in mid-April, thousands of people have reportedly been killed and over 4.3 million people have been forced to flee their homes. Pray for safety for the most vulnerable and comfort for those who have lost loved ones.

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

PRAY FOR SAT-7 VIEWER İRFAN

"My whole life is turning upside down," İrfan said. "Whatever I put my hand to doesn't work. I have a life without blessings. I don't know what is wrong with me, I need your prayers." Pray that İrfan would encounter the love of God and discern what his calling is.

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER

CHURCH4AFGHANISTAN

Pray for *Church4Afghanistan*, SAT-7's latest initiative to support isolated and persecuted Christians in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. Pray that God will equip and strengthen viewers through the programme's Bible-based content.

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

PRAY FOR TAHMSAB IN IRAN

“Greetings in Christ to you beloved of the Lord. Please pray for my son and my daughter-in-law to be healed and to come to faith. They have heard the good news many times but remain in darkness. Pray too for their marital relationship to be healed.”

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER

HERITAGE

After a successful first season of Heritage, a SAT-7 ARABIC programme that educates Arab viewers about the Christian faith, the team are preparing for a second series. Pray that the production team would be guided by the Holy Spirit in their work.

The environment

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER

THE ENVIRONMENT

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). The next focus for our prayers is the environment. As the seasons change and the leaves begin to fall, let’s give thanks for God’s beautiful world and ask that He will stir us all to look after it well.

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

CLIMATE CHANGE

The MENA is warming at twice the global average, and countries across the region, particularly in the Gulf, are highly vulnerable to extreme heat caused by climate change. Pray that MENA governments will prioritise addressing climate change for the future welfare of the region.

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

SAEED IN MOROCCO

Saeed got in touch with some big thoughts: “When I ponder on the universe, I see that life is ruthless. I see children dying of poverty and hunger, and animals suffering. Where is God, and why does nature suffer?” Give thanks that SAT-7’s viewer support team were able to talk to Saeed about God’s good plans for creation, and that he gave his life to the Lord!

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER

EXTREME WEATHER

Recent years have seen widespread droughts, water shortages, severe heatwaves, famine in Afghanistan, flooding in Libya and Iran and wildfires in Algeria and Türkiye. Extreme environmental events disproportionately affect the poorest in society. Pray for their protection and ask God to supply all their needs.

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER

PRAY FOR MANA IN IRAN

“Dear friends, the environment is the basis of life in this world, and if we really understood how important and beneficial the environment is for us as human beings and for animals and plants and birds and the fish in the rivers and lakes, we would never pollute them.” Pray for Mana and give thanks for her heart of stewardship.

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER

STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

Pray that SAT-7 studios and offices will be good stewards of the earth, by endeavouring to minimise waste and operate sustainably.

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

THE BEAUTY OF CREATION

The MENA is home to some stunning landscapes – from the azure waters of the Mediterranean and sweeping dunes of the Sahara, to the vast, verdant mountain ranges of Iran and mesmeric wadis of Jordan. Give thanks for the beauty of God's creation in the Middle East.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

YES PROJECT

SAT-7's Youth for an Enabling Society (YES) project teaches Egyptian young people about their environmental responsibilities and encourages them to invest themselves in their local communities and wider society. Pray that the YES project will equip its participants to be leaders and changemakers.

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution levels in MENA's largest cities are among the highest in the world, with the average urban resident breathing in ten times the safe level of pollutants. Pray for greener policies to protect people's health, lives and livelihoods.

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

RAISING AWARENESS

Earlier this year as part of the YES project, SAT-7 filmed an environmental conference and a youth music festival in Egypt that both promoted creation care. Give thanks that SAT-7 is raising awareness of this important issue among its viewers.

MONDAY 30 OCTOBER

ENCOURAGING CREATION CARE

One participant at the youth music festival in Egypt told SAT-7: "Caring for the environment is a human duty and a divine commandment that we cannot ignore or consider as a luxury issue, because it is the basis of our lives and everything around us." Pray that the MENA's young people will lead the way in showing the importance of caring for the environment.

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER

WORLD CITIES DAY

Around two thirds of people in the MENA live in cities, many of which could become uninhabitable by the end of the century due to rising temperatures. Today, on World Cities Day, pray for the millions of people in the MENA who live in urban environments.

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