

PRAY FOR THE HOLY LAND WITH THE CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST



In recent weeks, we have all been shocked and grieved by the unfolding events in the Holy Land. In the midst of pain, hatred and violence, SAT-7 has been broadcasting messages of peace, unity, and faith across the Middle East and North Africa, and has been supporting viewers and Churches on the ground. In times like these, it can be hard to know how or what to pray – so we have prepared some prayer pointers below, with prayer requests from SAT-7 viewers, friends and staff across the region. *Let's pray.*



- **Give thanks that the Church in the Middle East is being salt and light in this devastating conflict.** George Makeen, SAT-7's Ministry Content Advisor, said: "The vicious cycle of violence we are witnessing in the Middle East will never end unless we have the miracle of reconciliation. God's own people, the Church, are committed to stand in the gap with stretched arms as the crucified Messiah did to proclaim this message over hatred and revenge."
- **Give thanks that SAT-7 is using its platform to amplify the voice of the Middle Eastern Church in these critical days.** A special live SAT-7 event broadcast messages of peace, unity, and faith across the region. A viewer called Pierrette called in to say: "[SAT-7's broadcasts are] different from anything else we are seeing. It is transmitting life amidst all this death. What we need more than talking and analysing is to pray during this time. I pray in the name of Jesus that He supports all His churches and the Holy Land and gives it hope in the midst of all this pain."
- **Pray for encouragement and strength for believers in the region, and that they will find comfort in knowing that they are part of the Body of Christ throughout the world.** Maha, a viewer in the Holy Land, prayed: "How comforting it is to see that everyone is standing together and asking and praying as if we are one person," she said. "I am praying for God to stop this destruction happening against humanity, because every human is precious to the Lord... We pray for peace to reign upon the Holy Land."
- **Pray for God's perfect peace, mercy, justice and love to reign in the Holy Land.** Archbishop Paul Sayah prays: "Come back, Lord, and do not delay. Your land, the land you wanted to be a land of peace for all, is on fire. It has been turned now into a land of death; it is being consumed by hatred, war, and destruction. Come, Lord Jesus, the people in your land are suffering and dying, and no one seems to care."
- **Pray for a de-escalation of violence in the Holy Land and beyond as the conflict threatens to spread into other countries.** SAT-7 staff in Jordan and Lebanon have reported large-scale protests in their local areas, with road closures and flight cancellations adding to a growing sense of tension. Maroun Bou Rached, SAT-7 Lebanon Director, prays: "We are worried that this conflict may spread, but we hope and pray for a peaceful resolution."
- **Pray for comfort for the grieving, healing for the injured, and for urgent aid to reach those in need.** A young viewer who has additional needs and lives with her grandmother in a home for the elderly sent this message: "I'm doing well, but it's a very frightening situation. I'm constantly praying, and what brings me comfort is knowing that God is with us through it all. Please keep us in your prayers, that this war may come to an end, and that the suffering and loss of people can stop."
- **Pray for wisdom, compassion, and courage for church leaders in the region and all those in a position to make an impact.** Rami Al-Halaseh, Executive Director of SAT-7 ARABIC, shares: "We are here to be a strong and clear voice for the Church in the Middle East and North Africa, to promote peace and justice. We believe in the power of prayer, in the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Author of Peace, to intervene and send His mercy." *Amen.*

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