

PRAYER DIARY

April 2024



MONDAY 1 APRIL

ALL THINGS NEW

This Easter Monday, praise God that He makes all things new. Pray that SAT-7 will reach viewers across the MENA with the hope and renewal that Jesus' resurrection brings.

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Praise God for all those who prayed through the new SAT-7 devotional book, *40 Days of Prayer for the Middle East*, during Lent. Pray it continues to inspire, inform and immerse supporters of SAT-7 with the rich Christian history of the MENA region.

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

DARA FROM IRAN

Dara, a young man from Iran, says: "I don't know how to speak about my faith. All I can say is that I have become a Christian. The love of Jesus has taken root in every fibre of my being."

Praise God for Dara's new-found faith and pray that SAT-7 will continue to feed his love for Jesus.

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

CONFLICT ON THE BORDERS

Pray for those caught up in the ongoing conflicts along Lebanon's borders, and that the tide would turn towards peace rather than further escalation.

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

MY JESUS

My Jesus is a unique worship programme on SAT-7 KIDS presented by children. Each episode features worship music from churches across Egypt. Pray that the children watching will encounter the love of Jesus.

SAT-7 PARS

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

SAT-7 PARS

SAT-7's Persian channel, SAT-7 PARS, broadcasts into Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan. With so many challenges facing the Persian world at the moment, yet so many encouragements from steadfast believers in the region, pray that the messages of the channel will reach the hearts of those watching.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

WITH ALL YOUR HEART

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:12-13).

Pray that SAT-7 PARS will show God's love to seekers in Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

MONDAY 8 APRIL

LIVE CALLERS

Pray for viewers calling in live to the SAT-7 PARS studio to ask questions about Jesus. They often have to change their

SIM cards after calling in, to avoid being identified by the authorities. Pray for their safety and that they will receive answers to their questions.

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

HOMA FROM IRAN

Homa contacted the PARS team to say, "My husband has been arrested. They have also taken our smart phones. For the time being we will not be able to take part in the live programmes. Please pray for my husband, for my daughter, and for our family." Let's lift up this faithful family in prayer.

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

QUESTION MARK

Pray for viewers of *Question Mark*, a programme which seeks to answer questions from isolated believers and those from other backgrounds. Pray that faith will be strengthened and curiosity sparked.

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN IRAN

The epidemic of substance abuse in Iran is causing widespread despair and

hopelessness. Pray that SAT-7 PARS programmes like *Our Neighbourhood* will point viewers in a better direction, and help those caught in addiction to find freedom in Christ.

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

JAMIL FROM AFGHANISTAN

"After the Taliban took over Afghanistan, my family and I lost hope. As we came across your programmes I decided that I wanted to become a Christian. Now so many things have changed in my life and my family and I are very happy." Pray for the people of Afghanistan, and that more people would discover the hope of Jesus through watching SAT-7 PARS.

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

JESUS IS OUR ALL

Taraneh from Iran said, "Pray for Iran, Afghanistan and all the believers in Christ who are experiencing persecution. Jesus is our all, so I pray that He may be our help in all the storms of life." Give thanks for persecuted believers who can say "Jesus is our all", enabling them to weather whatever storms they face.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

GLORIOUS THINGS

"Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world" (Isaiah 12:5).

Pray that the glorious things that God has done will be known in Iran, Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

General

MONDAY 15 APRIL

AISHA FROM ALGERIA

Aisha, a 40-year-old woman from Algeria, contacted SAT-7 to say, "I would like to know what Christ said about eternal life. How can I find inner peace?" The viewer support team shared the Gospel with her and Aisha said, "Yes, this is what I need!" Pray that she will grow in the love and knowledge of the Lord.

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

ROSHANAK FROM IRAN

Roshanak is a Christian in her teens from a Muslim family. She faces the prospect of being pressured into an arranged marriage. She reached out to SAT-7 for

reassurance: "I am increasingly feeling depressed. I am fighting to be happy and smile, at least for the sake of my family." Pray for Roshanak and her family, and for other young girls facing forced marriage.

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL ARAB-BERBER RELATIONS

In North Africa, there have long been tensions between Berber tribes like the Amazigh and their Arab neighbours. Praise God that SAT-7 is a powerful example of different cultures and languages working together, and is helping to improve cultural relations.

THURSDAY 18 APRIL ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Praise God that SAT-7's viewer support teams had 103,345 one-to-one conversations with viewers in response to our programmes in 2023. Many of these conversations led to viewers putting their faith in Jesus.

Courage

FRIDAY 19 APRIL COURAGE

In many parts of the MENA, following Jesus requires immense courage and personal sacrifice. Our next few prayer points will therefore focus on the theme of courage. Pray for believers in difficult and dangerous circumstances, and praise God that He is the source of their courage.

SATURDAY 20 APRIL ONLINE DISCIPLESHIP IN AFGHANISTAN

Seeking to deepen his faith, Jamil joined an online discipleship group facilitated by SAT-7. He said "I thank God for SAT-7 providing these classes for us. We have no one here in Afghanistan apart from you." Even after being imprisoned for a few days by the Taliban, Jamil reconnected with the online teaching. Praise God for such courage and determination.

SUNDAY 21 APRIL STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be

afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Pray that, like Joshua, surrounded by those who were hostile to God's people, Christians in the MENA region will live courageously for Christ.

MONDAY 22 APRIL SIGNAL

The SAT-7 PARS programme *Signal* features testimonies of brave Iranian Christians around the world who are serving the Church, despite the dangers. Pray that *Signal* will show believers that they are not alone.

TUESDAY 23 APRIL NEVER ALONE

Pea, a teenage girl from Egypt, participated in the live SAT-7 KIDS programme *Behind the Door*, saying, "I taught myself not to be afraid and to go and pray. I shouldn't feel alone if Jesus is with me. And even if I do, I pray and don't let myself remain in that place." Pray that Pea's words will resonate with other young people who feel afraid.

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

COURAGE IN THE HOLY LAND

Christians like Bilal in the Holy Land are contacting SAT-7, requesting prayers for peace and courage. "I ask you, Lord, to give us peace in our homes and families. We desperately need it. Help us to see one another with Your heart of forgiveness and to shine with Your light in such dark times. Let us make way for peace and joy, and teach us to overcome our differences." Lets pray with Bilal for protection, strength and courage for believers in the Holy Land.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

NOT ASHAMED

Kaled from Jordan told SAT-7, "I had no religion for the majority of my life. Then I saw Jesus in a dream. After 10 years of hesitation, I became convinced that Jesus came to me to show me the way. I am not ashamed now to say that I follow Him. All fear is gone, and I can say that Jesus is my Saviour." Pray for Kaled and others who have taken the courageous step to follow Jesus after seeing Him in a dream.

FRIDAY 26 APRIL

RURAL CHURCHES IN EGYPT

Coptic Christians living in rural areas of Egypt are vulnerable to attacks and harassment. Pray for resilience as these believers live out their faith with boldness, and that the authorities would uphold their rights in cases of local persecution.

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

WE WILL NOT FEAR

Patrick, a viewer from Lebanon, sent SAT-7 a courageous prayer: "I would like to offer prayers for peace to prevail in the whole world. I want to ask the Lord to pour His healing balm on every heart in pain and to heal the sick, for He is almighty. Lord, so long as we are with you, we will not fear. Amen!"

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

NOT AFRAID

"The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (Psalm 118:6).

Pray for those who are imprisoned, attacked, harassed or discriminated against on account of their faith. May God's presence shield them from fear and despair.

MONDAY 29 APRIL

HEART TO HEART

The SAT-7 ARABIC programme *Heart to Heart* discusses topics related to marriage from a Christian perspective. Many viewers tell us of strained and sometimes abusive family situations that require a great deal of courage from day to day. Pray that they will be supported by the biblical wisdom they hear.

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

STANDING THEIR GROUND

In Sudan, attacks on churches and monasteries amid a brutal ongoing conflict have left Christians afraid and discouraged. Though many have fled, the believers who have stayed are caring for the displaced and suffering. Pray that their love will draw others to Christ and for God's protection as they serve him in Sudan.

Names of viewers throughout have been changed.

SAT-7 UK

Registered Charity No. 1060612
PO Box 3941, Chippenham SN15 9HQ
01249 765865
respond@sat7uk.org