

PRAYER DIARY

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SATURDAY 1 JUNE SECTARIAN CONFLICT

The theological disagreements between the Sunni and Shia branches of Islam have caused long-running tensions and conflicts across the MENA. Pray that the peace of Christ will appeal to viewers of SAT-7 who are wearied with the effects of sectarian conflict and that the small Christian population will model this peace in their lives.

SUNDAY 2 JUNE THE BODY OF CHRIST

"If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:26-27).

Give thanks that, despite distance and culture separating us, the Church in the UK and in the MENA are one body. Pray for the parts of the body of Christ that are suffering today.

MONDAY 3 JUNE *TODAY NOT TOMORROW*

The SAT-7 ARABIC programme *Today Not Tomorrow* was filmed in Egypt and highlights Christians who are challenging cultural and religious practices that perpetuate inequalities. Pray that the show will change deeply ingrained prejudices and show women and girls that they are loved and valuable.

TUESDAY 4 JUNE INFLATION

As we feel the pinch of inflation in the UK, those living in the MENA are much more severely impacted. In Egypt, everyday items have doubled in price, and in Lebanon, inflation worsens the already dire economic situation. Pray that God will give wisdom and integrity to governments as they tackle the crisis.

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Many places in the MENA are suffering from environmental challenges, such as increasing temperatures, rising sea levels, air pollution, drought and storms. Pray that efforts to mitigate these challenges will be successful and for environmentally conscious policies to be implemented in the future.

THURSDAY 6 JUNE HODA FROM EGYPT

Hoda, a young Egyptian woman, got in touch to say, "My heart's desire is to obey God's commands because I am only a nominal Christian, but I want to change that. I prayed that God would touch my heart because I felt like there was a wall standing between me and God. I repented completely and received the Lord as my Saviour." Praise God for Hoda's heart transformation and saving faith. Pray that other nominal Christians will be prompted by the Lord to repent and trust in Him with all their heart.

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

VIEWER SUPPORT TEAMS

Viewer support is a vital part of SAT-7's ministry, giving viewers in the MENA the opportunity to respond to the Gospel message presented in our programmes and ask any questions they may have about faith and life. Countless people have been led to the Lord through these conversations. Pray for the viewer support teams as they offer a listening ear to seekers in the MENA.

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

SYRIA

Attacks from Houthi insurgents have fanned the flames of the war that has been ongoing since 2011, adding further conflict to an already destabilised country. Pray for the innocent people whose lives have been further disrupted and endangered by this latest threat, and that God will be at work in people's hearts to bring about peace.

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

THE LEAST OF THESE

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of

mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Pray that we, and Christians in the MENA, will serve Christ by reaching out with love and support to those we see suffering around us.

MONDAY 10 JUNE

FARSHID FROM IRAN

Farshid contacted SAT-7 to give an amazing testimony of healing: "My father had been admitted to hospital and, despite their best efforts, the doctors could not do anything for him. Then some believers and I spent hours praying and interceding for him and my father was unexpectedly healed. Ten days later, he was discharged and came home. Glory to the name of Jesus Christ." Give thanks for God's healing touch and the witness of these Christians.

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

HOW TO LIVE

How to Live is a new SAT-7 PARS talk show which seeks to encourage viewers, with a specific focus on women, in their walk with God. Interspersed with prayer and praise segments, each episode ends with a special guest answering the

question, "How do you live?" Pray that viewers will reflect on how following Jesus changes the way we choose to live our lives.

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

FADEL FROM UAE

A young boy named Fadel from the UAE called into a live episode of *Behind the Door* to say, "This is my first time calling; my sister and I found SAT-7 KIDS a month ago, and we love this programme and the channel so much. What I love most is that the Bible and Christian content are delivered in a very understandable and beautiful way." Praise God that children like Fadel and his sister are discovering SAT-7 KIDS and understanding more about God.

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

REFUGEES

God is close to refugees as they flee from war and persecution. Over the next few days, we'll pray for God's protection upon refugees and for resolutions to the circumstances that have caused people to leave their homes. Pray that those who have been displaced in and from the MENA will encounter Christ in their time of need.

Refugees

FRIDAY 14 JUNE

RANA FROM SYRIA

Rana, a Syrian woman living in Holland, wrote in to SAT-7 after watching *My Life Story*. "The programme is truly beautiful. There were moments that deeply resonated with me. I felt like I was no longer isolated and lonely as a foreigner in this new country."

Pray that other refugees and migrants in Rana's situation will feel less alone while watching SAT-7's programmes.

SATURDAY 15 JUNE

HOPEFUL HANDS

The Hopeful Hands ministry, run by Iraqi Christian women, reaches out to refugees in Erbil, providing employment, love and support. Give thanks for these gracious women and pray that the refugees they encounter will experience God's love through them.

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

A SHIELD

"As for God, His way is perfect: The Lord's Word is flawless; He shields all

who take refuge in Him" (Psalm 18:30).

Pray that refugees watching SAT-7 programmes will be drawn by God's perfect character and trust Him to be their refuge.

MONDAY 17 JUNE

LIBYA

Ranked 3rd on the Open Doors World Watch List for persecution of Christians, militia-run Libya continues to be a very dangerous place to be a follower of Jesus. Many have fled the country, along with others fleeing harsh conditions. Pray for the safety of believers and that God will move in the hearts of those spreading violence.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

REFUGE

Refuge is a worship programme for young people on SAT-7 PARS that features worship songs and poetry. Pray that, whether they are refugees or not, viewers will be comforted by the beauty of the music, and find their spiritual refuge in God.

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

AFGHANS IN TAJIKISTAN

Many Afghans, like Nazyla and her family, have fled to neighbouring Tajikistan. "Please pray for us, because we have been harassed by the police. In the country where we live, Afghans are being picked on and are in danger of being deported even if they are innocent as we are." Pray that Afghan Christians fleeing to other nations will find refuge.

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Today is World Refugee Day. As the news cycle moves on, let's not forget the ongoing conflicts and disasters that have forced people to flee their homes. Pray for resolutions to the catastrophes that have caused displacement and that refugees will one day be able to return to homes that are safer than before.

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

REFUGEES IN THE UK

Pray for refugees who have come to the UK from the MENA, some of whom are Christians fleeing persecution in their home countries. Pray that they will

be guided to SAT-7's online content on SAT-7 PLUS and be strengthened by it. Pray that the Christians and churches in their communities will be ready to receive and support them.

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

TRAUMA

Many refugees are traumatised: by the circumstances that have forced them to flee their homes; by the perilous journey that they have taken; and by the alienation they feel in a country that may be very different to their own. Pray that God will be close to the broken and suffering, and that he would use the situation to bring them closer to Him.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

NEVER FORSAKEN

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Pray that refugees in and from the MENA will feel God's presence with them, and know that He will never forsake them.

MONDAY 24 JUNE

FAWZI FROM SYRIA

Fawzi, a refugee from Syria, contacted SAT-7 with his story: "I am currently living in Lebanon due to what is happening in Syria. What keeps me up at night is my fear of something bad happening to my parents or siblings." During an ongoing discussion with the viewer support team over the next few weeks, he came to faith and said, "Oh, how touching and beautiful God's words are. Truly, sin is the cause of the brokenness of this world." Pray for the safety of Fawzi's family and give thanks for his new-found faith.

General

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

FORGIVING HER FATHER'S KILLER

Rania, who grew up in war-torn Lebanon, appeared on the SAT-7 ARABIC programme *You Are Not Alone* to tell the story of how she forgave the man who killed her father. It was Jesus' command to love our enemies that compelled her to forgive. Unbeknownst to her, the killer had been brought to repentance and

was seeking forgiveness. They met shortly before his death and he received Rania's, and God's, forgiveness. Give thanks that the man came to faith before his death and that God helped Rania to forgive.

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

FREE SOULS

As churches in Algeria are closed and Christian leaders silenced, the programme *Free Souls* is sharing the testimonies of believers in Algeria. Pray that hearing the stories of other Christians will give hope to isolated believers in Algeria. Pray that the authorities will allow churches to reopen and believers to worship in peace.

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

PRAISE LOUDER THAN BOMBS

The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) held a conference in Lebanon attended by 10,000 Christians to pray for Christian unity across the region. The sound of their worship was said to be "louder than the blast of bombs." Give thanks for this joyful unity among Christians against the backdrop of the difficult situation in the Middle East.

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

GIRLS' EDUCATION IN IRAN

Girls in Iran face a new threat as a series of gas attacks on girls' schools in the past year have led to 13,000 girls being treated for poisoning. As a result, many parents have pulled their daughters out of school. "Please pray for us," Miriam from Iran asked SAT-7 PARS. "We take refuge in the Lord Jesus who is all-sufficient. There is so much injustice, fear, and sadness in the hearts of the people." Pray for the girls who are being prevented from learning in peace and safety, and that the attackers will be brought to justice.

SATURDAY 29 JUNE

A HEALED HEART

Samah, a young woman from Algeria, told SAT-7, "I'm facing some difficult challenges that have caused me to struggle with depression. My family doesn't believe in Jesus and they are blaming me for what I'm facing. Pray for inner healing so I can have a normal life with a healed heart." Pray that Samah will be restored in heart and mind, and that she will experience the love and support of Christian fellowship.

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

ENLIGHTENED HEARTS

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people" (Ephesians 1:18).

Pray that SAT-7 programmes will enlighten the hearts of viewers, both Christian and those seeking God, and that they will discover the true value of the Gospel message.

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