

PRAYER DIARY

August 2024



Discipleship

THURSDAY 1 AUGUST DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus told His followers not just to make converts, but to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). Pray that SAT-7's in-depth biblical programmes and access to discipleship through the viewer support teams will help believers to deepen their faith and live it out in the world.

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST BUILDING UP CHURCHES

Churches are strengthened when those within their congregations are growing in spiritual maturity. Pray that SAT-7 will supplement the discipleship that believers are already receiving in their churches

in the MENA, making their churches stronger.

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST LALEH FROM IRAN

Laleh, an Iranian woman, had been receiving one-to-one discipleship through SAT-7's viewer support team. Laleh said, "I used to be a very angry person, unable to forgive anyone. It was through your channel and the content you have been sending that I have been able to deal with the evil inside me. I know that I can give my burdens to the Lord."

Give thanks for the change in Laleh's life and for all those who receive online discipleship through SAT-7's viewer support teams.

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Pray that we, and our brothers and sisters in the MENA, will demonstrate Christ's love to the world.

MONDAY 5 AUGUST

IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE CHRISTIAN?

As part of SAT-7's strategic goal to offer support for the Church in the MENA, the programme *Is it Important to be Christian?* helps Christians to explore how their faith affects their day-to-day choices. Pray that the programme will help to form disciples, and that viewers will understand how important the Gospel is in every aspect of their lives.

TUESDAY 6 AUGUST

DISCIPLESHIP FOR ISOLATED BELIEVERS

For Christians who are alone, with no access to a church or fellowship, SAT-7's programmes may be their only source of teaching and discipleship. Pray that isolated believers will find SAT-7's content and be spiritually fed by it.

WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST

BIBLE STUDY

Part of the ministry of SAT-7 PARS is weekly Bible teaching sessions hosted on Zoom, which provide invaluable support to Christians who struggle to find a biblical community or discipleship where they are. Pray for the spiritual growth of

believers connecting from Iran, Tajikistan and Afghanistan who cannot practise their faith openly.

THURSDAY 8 AUGUST DISCIPLESHIP ON DEMAND

Thanks to SAT-7's on-demand online streaming service, SAT-7 PLUS, believers in the MENA have access to an entire catalogue of biblical content that they can watch at any time. Pray particularly that programmes that go in-depth into biblical exposition will help to build up these viewers in the Word of God.

General

FRIDAY 9 AUGUST FARSHID FROM IRAN

Farshid, a man from Iran, contacted SAT-7 PARS saying, "I feel so fortunate to be following your channel. Every day I learn useful lessons that help my faith to grow and help me to grow in my knowledge of the Lord."

SATURDAY 10 AUGUST PRINCIPLES OF FAITH

The SAT-7 PARS live programme *Principles of Faith* is aimed at new

believers and tackles a different principle of Christian life in each episode. Topics like forgiveness, trusting God's timing, and the consequences of sin in life are discussed in depth. Pray for the presenters as they help viewers to apply God's truth to their lives.

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST VICTORY

"...for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

Praise God that He has given new birth to all believers, enabling them to overcome the challenges of the world around them as they become disciples of the Lord.

MONDAY 12 AUGUST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Today is International Youth Day. Let's give thanks for all of SAT-7's programmes for children and young people in the MENA, and pray that they will nurture faith in young hearts.

TUESDAY 13 AUGUST "CLOSE TO MY SOUL"

Naeem, a 24-year-old Syrian man, told SAT-7, "I feel that the Christian religion is close to my soul." The viewer support team answered all his questions and Naeem gave his life to Christ. Give thanks that God's Spirit was close to Naeem, drawing him closer.

WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST A MIRACLE IN MAURITANIA

In Mauritania, where conversion to Christianity holds the death penalty, 25 Christians were recently turned in by their neighbours. When the authorities considered how their execution would be perceived on the world stage, they decided to let them go. Praise God for this miracle, and pray that Mauritania's anti-conversion laws will be overturned.

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST CHURCH4AFGHANISTAN

Church4Afghanistan is a weekly live social media programme that supports secret Christians in Afghanistan. Pray that this social media initiative will continue to bless Afghan people who faithfully follow Jesus despite the dangers.

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST

MARTIN FROM SYRIA

Martin, a Syrian refugee living in Belgium, told viewers of *My Life Journey*, "I am from Aleppo and have experienced God's grace. Now I live to speak of God's miracles."

Give thanks that Martin experienced God's grace and now shares his testimony with others.

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

RENEWABLE ENERGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East is known for its wealth of oil and natural gas reserves, but in recent years many countries in the region have been making steps towards renewable energy projects. Pray that leaders will continue to pursue this goal in intentional yet realistic ways, helping to protect God's world.

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

SEEKING GOD

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1).

Pray for those in spiritually dry, parched lands who are earnestly seeking God. Pray that SAT-7's programmes and viewer support teams will help them in their search.

MONDAY 19 AUGUST

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

With many wars raging across the MENA region, pray that aid will reach those who need it most as quickly as possible. Pray for an end to the conflicts that make these humanitarian interventions necessary.

TUESDAY 20 AUGUST

RAFET IN FRANCE

Rafet, a senior Arabic man who currently lives in France, asked SAT-7 viewer support for their prayers. "Please pray for me to walk faithfully in the way of the Lord, and also for my family and wife. You are a great blessing to me. Your programmes are amazing!" Give thanks that Rafet and his family are able to watch SAT-7 in France via SAT-7 PLUS and pray for the strengthening of their faith.

Digital Content

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

DIGITAL CONTENT

According to the World Economic Forum, around 77% of the population of the MENA have access to the internet. SAT-7 is making the most of this opportunity to reach people with the Gospel through high quality digital programmes on social media platforms. Pray that these initiatives will allow more people to connect with SAT-7's content.

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

ZAHRA

Zahra, a Syrian woman, messaged the SAT-7 ARABIC Facebook page, Daily Bread, saying, "Your page is called Daily Bread, yet we live without bread. The name intrigued me." She had many questions and, after a long exchange, came to believe in Jesus, saying, "I personally believe Him to be my Lord and Saviour."

Give thanks for Zahra's faith and pray that others who may be 'intrigued' about Jesus will find answers to their questions through Daily Bread.

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

A SAFE HAVEN

Female viewers of *Today Not Tomorrow*, SAT-7 ARABIC's programme championing women's equality in the MENA, have been invited to join a closed Facebook group to discuss issues they face in their daily lives. Exceeding expectations, the group has so far attracted 6,500 women from across the Arab World, including Egypt, Algeria, Lebanon, Tunisia, Yemen, Morocco, Iraq and Syria. Give thanks that these women have a safe haven where they can share their thoughts, as well access to counselling and specialist help for cases of domestic violence.

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

SAT-7 FACEBOOK PAGES

Each of the SAT-7 channels has its own official Facebook page and collectively these have amassed millions of followers. Other official SAT-7 pages include SAT-7 WOMAN and SAT-7 PARENTS. Pray that those who engage with these pages will be drawn closer to God.

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

BY ALL MEANS

"I have become all things to all people

so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings" (1 Corinthians 9:22-23).

In the same way that Paul was adaptable to those around him, though never compromising the truth, pray that SAT-7 will effectively use digital media to share the Gospel in the context of the MENA today.

MONDAY 26 AUGUST

LAMIA IN SYRIA

Lamia, a young Syrian woman, sent a message via the SAT-7 WOMAN Facebook page, saying she had once been close to God but had fallen away. She said, "I need your prayers to feel closer to God without fear or shame because of my sins. I miss having Him close by and hearing His voice." The viewer support team prayed with her as she recommitted herself to Christ. Pray for Lamia and for others who reach out through SAT-7 WOMAN.

TUESDAY 27 AUGUST

THE POWER OF STORIES

Stories For Grown-Ups is a social media programme produced by SAT-7

TÜRK that brings Turkish children and parents together through storytelling. The programme links classic children's stories with stories in the Bible, inviting viewers to explore the deeper meanings and connections. Pray that this initiative will help both parents and children to draw closer to each other and to God.

WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST

ANISA FROM TUNISIA

Anisa, a young woman from Tunisia who grew up watching SAT-7 KIDS, told us, "I am following *Over Breakfast* via Instagram and YouTube. I grew up knowing the Lord thanks to you." Pray for Anisa, and that digital programmes like *Over Breakfast* will help to deepen her faith.

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST

LIVING ROOM

Living Room is a digital programme created for the SAT-7 PARENTS Facebook and Instagram pages, presented by psychologist Dr Marie Ange Nohra. In the short videos, Dr Nohra offers her expertise on issues surrounding relationships, mental health and parenting. Pray that the wisdom offered on *Living Room* will help to make family relationships stronger.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

RABIA FROM MOROCCO

Rabia, a 17-year-old girl from Morocco, told SAT-7, "I often choose to be alone with the virtual world, which causes distance between me and my parents."

The viewer support team suggested that Rabia try developing a talent in the real world and devoting time to her family. Pray for Rabia, and that young people like her will find a healthy balance in their social media use.

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

HOUR OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Turkish programme *Hour of Encouragement* streams live on SAT-7 TÜRK's Facebook and YouTube channels. SAT-7 TÜRK presenter Kanivar Bakır provides encouragement from the Bible, while viewers send in their comments, questions and prayers. Pray that viewers would feel a sense of community as they learn, pray and chat about their faith together.

Names of viewers throughout have been changed.

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