

PRAYER DIARY

September 2024



SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

FOR ALL PEOPLE

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Pray for the leaders of countries in the MENA, even those who persecute and oppress their citizens, that God will save them and transform their hearts.

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

STAR ZONE

SAT-7 ARABIC is sharing the stories of Arab celebrities, entrepreneurs and public figures on its new programme, *Star*

Zone. Many of these celebrities have never appeared on a Christian channel before. Project lead Rafik George says, "Their influence will help us to reach many more viewers and also reduce prejudice towards Christians." Pray for the success of this initiative and that new viewers will be drawn to SAT-7.

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

MARGO FROM EGYPT

Margo, a little girl from Egypt, called into the SAT-7 KIDS live show *Behind the Door* (above) to pray: "Thank you, Jesus, for Mum and Dad, and thank you for everything you give us. Thank you for forgiving us when we do something wrong and thank you for our food, clothing, and home. Amen."

Give thanks for Margo's faith and pray that SAT-7 KIDS programmes would help more children in the MENA to know that their blessings come from Jesus.

Languages

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

LANGUAGES

Over the next few days, we will focus our prayers on the different languages

and dialects that SAT-7 broadcasts in. Pray that hearing the *Good News* in the languages of the MENA would be a bridge to faith for many in the region.

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

REGIONAL LANGUAGES

SAT-7 broadcasts in the three main languages of the region – Arabic, Turkish and Persian – as well as localised dialects such as Dari (Afghanistan), Tajik (Tajikistan), Azeri (Azerbaijan) and North African dialects of Arabic. Give thanks for these broadcasts and pray for expansion into even more languages and dialects in the future.

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

ZEINAB FROM ALGERIA

Zeinab, an Algerian woman from the Berber Amazigh people group, told SAT-7, "I was subjected to discrimination and denied opportunities because I speak Arabic and Amazigh fluently. But, as Amazighs, we were raised to preserve our identity. Thank you for your topics, freedom of expression and discussion."

Pray that SAT-7 can demonstrate respect and love across social and ethnic boundaries.

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

DARI PROGRAMMES

Though most of SAT-7 PARS' programmes are in Farsi, the programmes *The Secret of Life* and *Window of Light* are in Dari, which is the Afghan dialect of the Persian language. *The Secret of Life* shares Bible teaching for daily life, while *Window of Life* focuses on building up strong families. Pray that these programmes will bless and support Christians in Afghanistan.

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD

"Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ... we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" (Acts 2:8-11).

Today, SAT-7 proclaims the wonders of God in many different languages of people in the MENA. This World Literacy Day, pray that those who cannot read or write will still have access to God's Word through our programmes.

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

AZERI PROGRAMMES

SAT-7 has recently been filming two new programmes, *Pleasant Chat* and *Taste*

and *See*, in Azeri, a Turkic dialect spoken in Azerbaijan and parts of northern Iran. Pray for SAT-7's Azeri viewers and ask that these programmes will speak directly into their hearts.

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

PARMYS IN GERMANY

For refugees and migrants from the MENA, learning the language of their new country can be overwhelming. Parmys, a Persian woman living in Germany, reached out to SAT-7 PARS for prayer: "I am finding speaking German difficult and during conversations I cannot find the words. I am very tired of all the stress. Please pray for me. All glory to Jesus."

Give thanks that viewers like Parmys feel they can reach out to SAT-7 for support, wherever they are in the world. Pray for Parmys and give thanks that, even in the challenging times, she gives glory to Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

A HEART LANGUAGE

We perhaps take for granted that we can receive teaching, enjoy worship and read the Bible in our own language. In

places where believers are often isolated and can't worship freely with others, give thanks that SAT-7 is providing discipleship, resources and music in the languages of the MENA.

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

Part of SAT-7's Youth for an Enabling Society (YES) project is engaging Arab youth on the topic of the environment. Currently in production is a drama called *From My Perspective*, imagining the future of the earth if we don't take care of it now. Pray that this drama will capture the attention of Arab youth.

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

AMIRA FROM EGYPT

Amira, a young woman from Egypt, shared with SAT-7's viewer support team, "My unhappiness caused me to walk away from the Lord, but I am eager to reconnect with Him." The team encouraged her and the next day she said, "When I spoke with you, I received spiritual guidance from God. I believe that God was waiting for me. The most significant shift is how I feel about God when I read His Word."

Give thanks for this change in Amira's heart.

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

QUALITY TIME

After watching the SAT-7 ARABIC youth programme *Quality Time*, Kero, a teenage boy from Egypt, contacted us to say, "I love your choice of topics and how accurately you answer our questions as youth. It is because the presenters are young men and women. God bless your ministry." Pray that *Quality Time* will resonate with more young people like Kero.

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

WHERE OUR HELP COMES FROM

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Pray that believers in the MENA will know that the Lord is the One who sustains them.

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

PERHAPS GOD SEES ME

Perhaps God Sees Me is a short film produced by SAT-7, which is currently

in post-production and will air later in the year. The film is based on the true story of a young Egyptian woman who loses hope in life, but then finds meaning and purpose in serving others. Pray that the film will have a strong impact, particularly on those who feel hopeless or unseen.

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

FREEDOM IN PRISON

On a recent episode of *My Life Journey*, Pastor Nihad Hassan (left), a Kurdish man from Syria, shared his testimony of finding Christ while he was a political prisoner. Nihad said, "At that place, I heard the voice of the Lord. He told me he loves me." Pray that Pastor Nihad's story and other testimonies shared on *My Life Journey* will touch the hearts of those watching.

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

WONDERFUL NEWS

Wonderful News is a children's programme on SAT-7 TÜRK, presented by Nora Yazırlıoğlu and her puppet sidekick, Mr Pipet, which presents the Good News of Jesus. Pray that young viewers of *Wonderful News* will see

how events that took place 2,000 years ago are relevant to the world they live in today.

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

RAHA FROM IRAN

An Iranian man called Raha told SAT-7 PARS his remarkable testimony: "About four months ago, two young people gave a Bible to me as a gift. I was far from God, yet miraculously all things have changed and I am now walking in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

Give thanks for Raha's faith and the boldness of the young Christians who gave him a Bible.

School children

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL CHILDREN

As the new school year gets into full swing, let's pray for children of school age in the MENA, both for those who go to school and those who are denied an education. Pray that SAT-7's educational programmes will supplement and fill the need for quality education in these children's lives.

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

NERMINE FROM EGYPT

Nermine, a teenage girl from Egypt, sent the following message to the SAT-7 KIDS programme, *Behind the Door*: "I've come to understand the value of church. The songs and worship time bring peace to my heart. School and church both offer learning, but in different ways. Each place contributes to our knowledge."

Pray that Nermine continues to grow in knowledge, both at school and in church.

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

A GOOD START

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Pray that the educational content that SAT-7 provides will point children towards God, as well as enhancing their studies.

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

MINI CITY

Mini City is a SAT-7 TÜRK children's programme that features educational segments, helping children to learn about

God and the world through arts and crafts activities. Pray that *Mini City* will help young viewers to express their creativity and learn as they do so.

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

PRESSURE TO PERFORM

As in many parts of the world, the pressure on young people to excel academically can be a heavy burden. SAT-7 recently held a Facebook Live workshop for parents on the subject, facilitated by Egyptian child psychologist and influencer, Amal Ghali. Pray that parents in the MENA will be able to encourage their children to achieve their potential while supporting their mental health.

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

In response to the education crisis in Afghanistan, SAT-7 PARS is producing a Dari-language educational programme called *Sun of Hope*, to help Afghan children learn to read and write. Pray that *Sun of Hope* will give children in Afghanistan, as director Nader Taghizadeh puts it, "hope for the future."

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

LINA FROM ALGERIA

Lina, a teenage girl from Algeria, told SAT-7 viewer support, "I love studying so much, yet I'm worried I'll fail. My parents motivate my brothers to study, but for me, they think it's unnecessary. My father wanted to stop me from going to school, but I refused to give up and demanded my rights!" The team encouraged Lina, offered advice for studying and prayed for her in Jesus' name. She asked who Jesus is and the team shared the Gospel with her. Pray for Lina's spiritual journey, and that she and other girls in the MENA will be allowed to reach their full academic potential.

General

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

ADONAI

Adonai is a short film produced by SAT-7 KIDS, centered on the character of Jesus. After *Adonai's* first screening, Fayza, a teenage girl from the Holy Land, said "I was so touched when I saw the kids sitting with Jesus. I felt that I wanted to meet Jesus, sit with him, and talk with him."

Pray that more young people like Fayza will want to meet Jesus after watching *Adonai*.

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Sadly, divorce rates are rising in the Arab region and SAT-7's viewer support teams see this reflected in the messages we receive. SAT-7 offers a Christian perspective in programmes such as *Is it Important to be Christian?* and *Today Not Tomorrow*. Pray that these programmes will help to strengthen marriages.

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

GREAT IS YOUR LOVE

"For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies" (Psalm 57:10).

Give thanks for God's faithfulness to believers in the MENA and for using SAT-7 to minister His love to them.

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

ISHAK FROM TÜRKIYE

Ishak, a young man from Türkiye, got in touch to ask for prayer. He said, "Pray that the love of the Lord will grow so much

in my heart that there will be no room for anything else." Let this be our prayer in our own lives, and for the lives of viewers across the MENA.

Names of viewers throughout have been changed.

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