

# PRAYER DIARY

October 2024



## TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER

### GOD'S PRESENCE

As Autumn makes its presence felt all around us, let's pray that God's presence will be felt throughout the Middle East and North Africa through SAT-7's programmes and ministry.

## WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER

### MY JESUS

The SAT-7 KIDS programme *My Jesus* teaches children about the love of Jesus through heartfelt worship music. The songs and reflections reveal the character of Jesus, focusing on characteristics such as His compassion, humanity and courage, and helping young viewers to get to know Him better.

Pray that *My Jesus* will touch the hearts of children and help them to know how they can have a relationship with Him.

## THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

### ELIKA FROM IRAN

Elika from Iran got in touch to say, "I watched a programme on SAT-7 PARS about the issues of anger and hate and, as I watched it, I realised that I have these feelings towards situations in my country and people I know. I prayed and asked the Lord to remove anger and hate from me so that I would not sin."

Give thanks that Elika was prompted by the Holy Spirit to pray about these issues through watching SAT-7.

## FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

### SAT-7 PRESENTER HONOURED AT CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Youstina Samir, a presenter on the SAT-7 show *Today Not Tomorrow*, has been honoured at the Cannes Film Festival for a documentary called *The Brink of Dreams* about her theatre work, made by other local filmmakers. Give thanks for this exposure and pray that people would be drawn to watch more of Youstina's work on SAT-7.

## THE HOLY LAND

## SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

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As the tragic anniversary of 7 October approaches, we focus our prayers this week on the Holy Land. Let's pray for healing, for justice, and for a lasting and sustainable peace for the whole region.

## SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

### SUPERNATURAL PEACE

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 12:27).

Pray that the peace of Christ will penetrate into places where fear and violence have taken hold. Pray that the Christians in these places will shine with Jesus' supernatural peace.

## MONDAY 7 OCTOBER

### A TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY

A year has passed since the now-infamous events of 7 October 2023. Pray for the bereaved, for the hostages and their families, and for the many thousands who have lost homes and loved ones due to the resulting war in Gaza.

## **TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

### *YOU ARE NOT ALONE*

Since the outbreak of the current war, SAT-7 ARABIC's current affairs programme *You Are Not Alone* has been providing a platform for viewers to share their stories, struggles and prayers about the conflict. Pray that the programme's viewers will hold on to the truth that, with Jesus, they are never alone.

## **WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER**

### *PRAY AGAINST ESCALATION*

Please join us in praying urgently against any further escalation of conflict in the Middle East. Our staff in Lebanon are feeling understandably fearful. Please pray for protection over them and our Beirut studio, and ask that they will be a voice of God's peace and hope to all who are watching.

## **THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER**

### *CHILDREN*

Faeqa, a 12-year-old Christian girl from Gaza, told viewers of *You Are Not Alone*, "Without faith I would not feel safe. I ask the Lord to stop the war and bring peace so that we can live our childhood." Let's lift up Faeqa's prayer to Jesus, the source of all peace.

## **FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER**

### *CHRISTIANS IN GAZA*

Concerns are growing for the future existence of Gaza's tiny Christian community – numbering only around 1,000 people – as the war has already claimed many lives and forced others to flee. Pray that Gaza's Christians will remain steadfast in their faith, and that more and more Gazans will turn to the Lord.

## **SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER**

### *VOICE OF THE CHURCH*

SAT-7 ARABIC's *Voice of the Church* programme, which began shortly after the war broke out to bring a message of hope and encouragement to people in the region, returned for a new season in June. Give thanks for this programme and ask God to use it powerfully to speak life into viewers' hearts.

## **SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**

### *NO MORE DEATH*

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Rev 21:4).

Despite the chaos and pain we see in our world, we know that Jesus has the

final victory. Give thanks that, because of what Jesus has done, we will one day live in a renewed earth free from the horrors of war.

## **MONDAY 14 OCTOBER**

### *REFUGEES*

Magdy El Jeldeh, a Christian from Gaza, recently shared his story on SAT-7. After fleeing Gaza, he and his family managed to escape to find safety in Australia. "We found safety, but we miss our nation," Magdy said. "It wasn't easy for us to leave knowing that we cannot return and leaving everything behind, leaving friends, relatives, and work."

Pray for comfort and provision for Magdy and others who have been forced to leave everything behind.

## **TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER**

### *"STOP THE DESTRUCTION"*

Join with the prayer of Kabi Al-Awad, Pastor of the Evangelical Church in Lebanon, who prayed on SAT-7's *Voice of the Church*:

"Lord, we pray that you extend your protection over the countries of the region such as Syria and Lebanon, the Holy Land and North Africa. We put it all in your hands. Come and stop the

destruction and declare your kingdom. Give us peace and give your church peace to carry the message of the Gospel in the whole region.”

## General

### WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER

#### WARDA FROM EGYPT

Warda is a mother who engages with SAT-7 via the SAT-7 PARENTS Facebook page. She wrote, “I truly benefit a lot just by reading the comments. May God bless your work and efforts. I sincerely thank you for the great psychological support I find with you.”

Give thanks that parents in the MENA can find encouragement and community online through SAT-7’s social media pages.

### THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

#### DIFFERENT ANGLE

The SAT-7 ARABIC programme *Different Angle* is a live talk show that covers current events and important cultural issues from a Christian perspective. Pray that the presenters and guests will be able to cut through the cultural noise and dissenting voices with wisdom and grace.

### FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

#### A SPECIAL MEETING

SAT-7 leaders recently met with Pope Tawadros II of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Abbasiya, Egypt, to discuss the network’s vision and strategies for supporting believers and building up communities in Egypt and the MENA. Pray for the positive impact and influence that this meeting will have had in the Christian community in Egypt and for a strong partnership going forward.

### SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

#### REFLECTING ON HASHTAG

The popular SAT-7 youth programme *Hashtag* came to an end this summer after five successful seasons of fun, games and thought-provoking conversations. Deena, a young viewer, shared: “*Hashtag* has helped me to become better acquainted with Jesus and get to know the Bible in a deeper way. It has caused me to speak more to God, to tell Him about the love that I have for Him.”

Give thanks for the lasting impact of *Hashtag* on young Persian viewers like Deena and pray for the new youth initiatives that will take its place.

### SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

#### SING PRAISE

“I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live” (Psalm 104:33).

Pray that the teaching and worship songs shared on SAT-7’s channels will inspire viewers to praise God and know Him more deeply.

### MONDAY 21 OCTOBER

#### “LOVE BRINGS FORGIVENESS”

On a recent episode of the SAT-7 youth programme *Quality Time*, a teenage boy called Fredo shared how his faith helped him to reconcile with his estranged father. He said, “God is love and if I want to be an image of Him on earth then I must show love. Love brings forgiveness.”

Give thanks for Fredo’s example to young viewers and pray that others will turn to God to heal their relationships.

## Hope for the future

### TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER

#### HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Despite the conflicts and disasters unfolding across the MENA, wherever God is at work, there is hope. Our prayers for the next few days will focus on the theme of hope, and how SAT-7 is proclaiming hope for the future through our programmes and initiatives.

As we broadcast the Good News across the MENA, pray that that many would place their hope in Jesus.

### WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

#### NAZIRA FROM EGYPT

Nazira, a long-time viewer from Egypt, reached out to SAT-7 for prayer when her husband lost his job and they found themselves unable to put food on the table for their children. She later said, "I sincerely appreciate your words of support and love. I became sure that God can change any situation because He has helped my husband to find a new job! Pray that God would deepen my faith to fully rely on Him."

Give thanks for this breakthrough in Nazira and her family's circumstances and that God has the power to bring hope into any situation.

### THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

#### YOUTH LIGHT

A new programme for teens called *Youth Light* has just begun to air on SAT-7 PARS, aimed at young people who have grown up watching *Hashtag* to help them mature in their faith. Alongside fun and entertainment, *Youth Light* will feature testimonies and advice on how to integrate Christian values into daily life.

### FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER

#### HOPE FOR CHILDREN ON SAT-7 KIDS

SAT-7 KIDS is a safe haven for children in a region where they are at risk of falling into disillusionment and hopelessness. In response to an episode of *Behind the Door*, Fatma from Sudan said, "God is never changing, which means He will stay good today, tomorrow, and in the future."

Pray that SAT-7 KIDS will inspire more children to entrust their futures to God, knowing that His love is the one constant in an ever-changing world.

### SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

#### PRAY FOR DASHAR FROM IRAN

"Ever since I came to faith, my family and I have had the most amazing sense of peace in our lives. I used to be afraid of death, but I now have no such fear and instead I am filled with hope."

Give thanks for the hope of the Gospel, which overcomes the fear of death. Pray for Dashar and her family as they grow in faith together.

### SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

#### A HOPE AND A FUTURE

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Give thanks for God's great plan of salvation for the world and pray that viewers of SAT-7 in the MENA will take hold of this hope.

### MONDAY 28 OCTOBER

#### CHANGING CULTURE

SAT-7 hopes to create a better future for women in the MENA through programmes that challenge oppressive cultural practices and attitudes. Pray

for programmes such as *Today Not Tomorrow*, *Insiders* and *Inside the World of Women's Thoughts*, that highlight the hardships that women face. May they help to bring about a society that gives women the freedom and opportunities they deserve.

## **TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER**

### **YES PROJECT**

SAT-7's five-year Youth for an Enabling Society (YES) project is designed to equip and encourage young people in the Arab world to invest themselves in their local communities. Pray that these young people can be change-makers in society and help to build a better future for everyone.

## **WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER**

### **DESPITE ALL**

The testimonies of Algerian Amazigh women shared on the programme *Despite All* show how God can bring hope and peace into even the most difficult situations. Pray that these stories of endurance will resonate with the often-marginalised women of the Amazigh population. Pray that they will be inspired to reach out to God.

## **THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER**

### **HOPE FROM HEARTBREAK**

When Wafaa from Algeria contacted SAT-7 for support after discovering her husband's infidelity, her sense of self-worth was devastated. But after the viewer support team prayed with Wafaa, she was filled with hope and a desire to start following God wholeheartedly. Give thanks for Wafaa's newfound hope, despite her heartbreaking circumstances.

To listen to more stories of hope from our viewers, check out our new podcast series, *Voices of the Middle East*, at [sat7uk.org/voices](http://sat7uk.org/voices)

*Names of viewers throughout have been changed.*

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