

PRAYER DIARY

November 2024



FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

NEW HORIZONS

Popular SAT-7 PARS youth presenter, Parastoo, began presenting on the channel when she was still a teenager in 2007. Having completed the final season of *Hashtag*, she is taking a break from being in front of the camera to study communication and digital media. Pray that Parastoo's studies will enhance her talents and equip her to be an even greater asset to SAT-7 PARS when she returns.

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

SAT-7 PARENTS FACEBOOK PAGE

Parents like Aya from Egypt are benefitting from the support offered on the SAT-7 PARENTS Facebook page, which offers biblical advice and parenting tips. Aya responded to a clip

of a SAT-7 programme about raising children, saying, "It was very helpful because I learned that harshness and distance are not the best methods of parenting. I pray that God continues to shape and change me so I can be a positive role model for my children."

Give thanks for the positive impact that the Facebook page is having on parents in the MENA and pray that the biblical advice shared will bear fruit in children's lives.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD

"Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you" (Jeremiah 32:17).

Give thanks that God can make His voice heard even in places where there is hostility towards the message of Christ. Pray that He will continue to use SAT-7 to reach into seemingly unreachable places.

MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER

SAT-7 VIEWERS IN THE UK

As Christians from the MENA flee to the UK for safety from persecution, the on-

demand streaming service SAT-7 PLUS provides an invaluable source of comfort and encouragement. If you have received believers from the MENA into your own church fellowship, you can contact the SAT-7 UK office for a free multi-language leaflet that you can pass on to direct them to SAT-7 PLUS online.

Pray for believers from the MENA who have come to the UK, that they would be embraced by the Church in their new communities and find encouragement through SAT-7 PLUS.

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

EACH STAGE OF LIFE

Madonna, a young woman from Egypt, recently reached out to SAT-7, saying, "What is so special about SAT-7's programmes is that they address each stage of life, from childhood to teenage years, romantic relationships and adulthood, married life, and so on. It's made a big change in my ideas, my mentality and my perspective about how to follow Jesus."

Give thanks for SAT-7's role in shaping Madonna's faith and pray that our programmes will speak powerfully into

the lives of others. Watch her story at sat7uk.org/madonna

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

HEAVENLY WORSHIP

SAT-7 PARS' weekly live show, *Heavenly Worship*, makes live Persian worship music accessible to isolated believers. Producer Mostafa Keshavarz said, "Viewers get in touch and tell us how happy they are that they had the opportunity to join us in praise and worship, and this is really encouraging for us." Give thanks for the support this programme provides to isolated Persian believers.

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

GETTING TO KNOW GOD'S CHARACTER

The latest season of SAT-7 KIDS programme *Behind the Door* has focused on the character of God, with episodes about His holiness, goodness, love, and faithfulness. A young girl called Caline responded to the episode about God's faithfulness, saying, "God is faithful. We can see that in the Bible when Jesus promised His disciples that He wouldn't leave them alone, but He'd send the Holy Spirit to comfort them."

Give thanks for all that young viewers are learning about God on *Behind the Door* and pray that they will form a deep, enduring relationship with Him.

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER

PRAY FOR YAVAR IN IRAN

When Yavar became a Christian, his family turned him out of their home. However, he recently shared with SAT-7, "My family have become inquisitive and curious about why I have become a Christian. They have noticed how much I have changed and they are beginning to soften, especially my sister. I have been speaking with her about Jesus." Give thanks for the effect Yavar's faith is having on his family. Pray that they will come to know Jesus through his witness.

Viewer Support Teams

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

VIEWER SUPPORT TEAMS

SAT-7's ministry doesn't end with the programmes we broadcast. Teams of faithful counsellors across the MENA are ready to listen as viewers reach out in response to what they've seen on their

television screens, or just to share their stories. Over the next few days, we'll be praying for the viewer support teams and the people who get in touch with them.

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

A KIND WORD

"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up" (Proverbs 12:25).

As viewers reach out to SAT-7 teams with their anxieties, pray that the kindness of their replies will lead those who are struggling towards the Lord.

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER

NAYA FROM EGYPT

Naya, a Christian from Egypt, contacted SAT-7 about her struggles with hypochondria. "My problem is that I have a fear and anxiety about illness, even though God has spared me from serious issues. I get exhausted by overthinking and interpreting medical terms." The viewer support team suggested practical ways to overcome this anxiety, shared some Bible verses and prayed with her. Naya said they had helped her a lot, and that she had hung the Bible verse they had sent on her wall.

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

WOMEN FACING ABUSE

SAT-7's viewer support teams receive a shocking number of messages from women who suffer abuse in their marriages. Often, these women have nowhere else to go and no-one to turn to for help. Pray for divine intervention in these heartbreaking circumstances, and that the viewer support teams will be able to provide comfort, understanding and direct people to sources of further help.

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

RAWAN FROM SWEDEN

Rawan, a young Arab woman who lives in Sweden, has been in contact with SAT-7's viewer support team for many months after experiencing a miscarriage. She told the team, "Through your words, I sense the Lord Himself communicating with me; I sense His tenderness, His guidance, and His counselling. Thank you for being there for me."

Give thanks that Rawan has felt God's comfort through her correspondence with the viewer support team. Pray for her continued healing.

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

RESOURCES AND COUNSELLING

Sometimes the viewer support teams' conversations with those who reach out to them reveal issues that require a greater level of support and intervention. As well as sharing the hope we have in Jesus, SAT-7 puts them in contact with further counselling, resources and professional help.

Pray for the situations in which SAT-7 can be a bridge to a person receiving the care and support they need.

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

FINDING FELLOWSHIP

SAT-7 partners with churches and organisations in the region, so that when a person is led to the Lord during a conversation with the viewer support team, they are put in touch, where possible, with a church where they can continue to grow spiritually.

Pray that this point of contact will help new believers to seamlessly integrate into a church community and find the fellowship and discipleship that is vital for the flourishing of their faith.

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

AN ATHEIST FROM MOROCCO

Louqai, a 22-year old man from Morocco, told the SAT-7 viewer support team, "I'm an atheist. I think Christianity is just like any other religion - it's all superstition!" Even so, he listened as they explained the Gospel and he agreed to read the Book of John. A few days later, he contacted SAT-7 again and said, "I've started reading and I think I want to follow Christ." The team prayed with Louqai, encouraged him to keep reading and to spend time with God.

Give thanks for Louqai's change of heart and pray that others will encounter the truth in a similar way.

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

FULL OF GRACE

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6).

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the viewer support teams, helping them to answer with wisdom as people come to them with difficult questions and situations.

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER

TRUE FULFILMENT

Wadih, a young man from Cairo, told SAT-7, "I have started to feel an emotional void that I don't know how to fill, and I have been seeking fulfilment by pursuing one relationship after another." The viewer support team told Wadih about God's love, which fills the heart and all emotional voids. He reached out to the team again and said that he had accepted the Lord as his Saviour. Give thanks that Wadih has received God's love, the greatest love that human beings can experience.

General

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

SAT-7 TÜRK

As the result of the retirements of long-serving staff members at SAT-7 TÜRK, there has been a handover of key leadership roles. Give thanks for the faithful service of those who are leaving and pray that God will continue to bless the SAT-7 TÜRK team.

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

VERA FROM EGYPT

Vera, a mother from Egypt, reached

out to SAT-7 to say, "I have been following SAT-7 KIDS since I was little and now I watch it with my 3-year-old daughter. Thank you very much for all the wonderful programmes that help bring us closer to Jesus."

Give thanks that Vera and her daughter can enjoy learning about Jesus together through SAT-7 KIDS.

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

WORLD TELEVISION DAY

This World Television Day, give thanks for the medium of satellite broadcasting, which allows SAT-7 to bypass censors and bring the Good News into the homes of millions across the MENA. Pray that both Christians and non-Christians will find and benefit from the programmes, drawing them closer to Jesus.

The War in Sudan

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

THE WAR IN SUDAN

Over the next few days, we'll be praying about the "forgotten war" that continues to devastate Sudan. Pray for peacemakers to arise to bring an end to the fighting between military factions and for the church to be a beacon of light during a

very dark time for the country. Pray that Christians around the world will not forget about or overlook Sudan's struggle, and that the Church will uphold them in their time of need.

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

LIVES UPROOTED

As of August 2024, an estimated 10.7 million people have been uprooted from their homes and over half of the population face acute hunger. Churches and Christians' homes in particular have been targeted by militants, and many church buildings have been overtaken and are now being used as military outposts. Pray for an end to this humanitarian crisis, and that Christians will remain "rooted and built up in [Christ], strengthened in the faith" (Colossians 2:7).

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

PERSEVERING THROUGH HARDSHIP

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 8-9). Give thanks that God walks alongside Sudanese Christians as they persevere through hardships.

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

PLACES OF REFUGE

Since the beginning of the conflict, churches have opened their doors to those who are in need. Although many of these church refuge centres have been overrun as the war has spread, believers continue to meet the needs of their neighbours. Pray that their kindness will lead others to Christ.

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

MARINA FROM SUDAN

Marina and her sisters fled from Sudan to Egypt when the war began. She contacted SAT-7 viewer support, saying, "We are living under very difficult conditions. I am physically and emotionally exhausted, and our financial situation is tough."

SAT-7 was able to put her in contact with an Egyptian church which has a service for Sudanese refugees, and they helped to provide for her needs and find her a job.

Give thanks that Christians in Egypt are reaching out to Sudanese refugees and pray that more people like Marina will find the help they need.

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

PROTECTION

Pray for God's protection and blessing

on His people in Sudan as they continue to faithfully witness to their neighbours throughout the conflict. For those who have access to satellite television or the internet, pray that SAT-7's programmes and online presence will provide spiritual encouragement, guarding their hearts in the truth.

General

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

PARENTS ASK

Parents Ask is a SAT-7 TÜRK programme that provides biblically based advice for Christian parents. It covers many topics that Turkish parents are seeking answers for, including building children's confidence, supporting their studies, discipline, and nurturing faith, with expert advice from child psychologist, Dença Kristaporyan. Pray that *Parents Ask* will help parents raise happy, confident children who seek after God.

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

NAWAL FROM IRAQ

Nawal, a Christian university student from Iraq, got in touch with SAT-7 over a year ago, saying, "I live in an environment that despises women, which has caused me

severe psychological problems." The team comforted and prayed for her. A year later, she got back in touch to say, "Do you remember a year ago, I hated myself and was bitter and envious of men? Now, everything has changed. I've started to love myself."

Give thanks that God has restored Nawal's perception of herself and the opposite sex.

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

A IS FOR ADVENT

Tomorrow, we begin the Advent season. Our prayers continue in our new Advent prayer guide, *A is for Advent*. We hope that you'll enjoy learning about the history of Christmas in the region and the seasonal customs of Christians in the MENA. Pray that we'll be equipped to pray for the region as our hearts are prepared for the coming of the Lord.

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