

PRAYER DIARY

APRIL 2025



Jesus Knows (Lent theme)

TUESDAY 1 APRIL VICTORY OVER DEATH

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb." (Luke 24:2)

"The resurrection of Jesus means victory," said Egyptian SAT-7 KIDS viewer Mia. "It means that Satan has no power over us." Praise Jesus because He walked out of the tomb alive and that, in Him, we have victory over death!

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL "HE HAS RISEN!"

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:5b-6a)

"This is Jesus' promise: that He would be crucified and rise again from the dead after three days, giving me eternal life because I am His child," said a SAT-7 KIDS viewer in response to one of our presenters' questions. Thank God that we will rise to eternal life, just like Jesus did.

THURSDAY 3 APRIL SEARCHING FOR JESUS

"When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others... But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened." (Luke 24:9, 11-12)

"One day I came across a church as I was walking down the street," recalled Khalid, a SAT-7 ARABIC viewer from Morocco. "I went in... and a chill ran down my spine." After a journey of searching for Jesus, he concluded that "Jesus appeared in human form to redeem mankind and sacrifice His life to save us." Thank God that, like Peter,

Khalid discovered the truth of Jesus for himself.

FRIDAY 4 APRIL A DIVINE SURPRISE

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him." (Luke 24:13-16)

"I was raised in a different background and embraced that... until Jesus appeared to me in a dream a week ago," said Nemr, a SAT-7 ARABIC viewer from Algeria. "I now follow Him, and I'm feeling happy. I saw myself go to church in my dream." Thank Jesus that He is still changing people's lives by appearing to them unexpectedly.

SATURDAY 5 APRIL EXPLAINING SCRIPTURE

"He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that

the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” (Luke 24:25-27)

SAT-7 PARS discipleship programmes like *Principles of Faith* and *Question Mark* help to explain the Gospel to our Persian viewers. Pray that these programmes will help more people understand and live out the Scriptures.

SUNDAY 6 APRIL **BURNING HEARTS**

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’” (Luke 24: 30-32)

“We all need to see how we can learn from the Bible, because the Word of God is alive,” said Cynthia, a teenage SAT-7 KIDS viewer from Lebanon. “One hears and reads, but we need God to touch

our hearts.” Pray that the Word of God would set more people’s hearts on fire in the Middle East.

MONDAY 7 APRIL **PEACE**

“While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Luke 24:36)

“I feel peace when I listen to your programme,” said Daniel after watching an episode of *Encouragement Hour* on SAT-7 TÜRK. Pray that more people in Türkiye will sense the peace of Jesus through our programmes.

TUESDAY 8 APRIL **TOUCH AND SEE**

“They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.’” (Luke 24:37-39)

SAT-7 dramas like *Adonai* are helping more people in the MENA see Jesus for who He really is. “I really enjoyed *Adonai*,” said Nada, a young girl from

Lebanon. “Jesus is always with us every day, whether we travel, leave home, or go out, just like we saw in the movie.”

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL **THE POWER OF GOD**

“A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” (John 20:26-28)

Rania, a young SAT-7 viewer from Egypt, said, “My favourite part of the [Easter] story is when Jesus came to the disciples after his resurrection, especially Thomas, for it taught him not to doubt the power of God.” Pray that more believers in the MENA will experience the power of God and not doubt it!

THURSDAY 10 APRIL **BREAKTHROUGH**

“Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee... He called out to them, ‘Friends, haven’t you

any fish?' 'No,' they answered. He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish." (John 21:1a, 5-6)

"I would like prayer for my husband to find a job in Kuwait," says SAT-7 ARABIC viewer Wadad. "Every time an opportunity arises, he fails to grasp it. Please pray for wisdom for him." Pray for families like Wadad's, who are in need of financial and practical help, that God would speak words of wisdom to change the situation.

FRIDAY 11 APRIL

DAILY BREAD

"When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread

and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish." (John 21:9-13)

Food is a central part of Middle Eastern culture. Pray that more people in the region will experience God as the provider of their daily bread, and experience His presence at their mealtimes.

SATURDAY 12 APRIL

CARING FOR THE SHEEP

"Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'" (John 21:16)

"Thank you so much for your support and love," said Samira from Lebanon, to a member of our Viewer Support team. Thank Jesus that He is the good shepherd, and pray that SAT-7 will be able to care for its viewers in an increasingly Christlike way.

SUNDAY 13 APRIL

KINGDOM OF GOD

"After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared

to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3)

After Jesus appeared to him in a dream, Khaled from Jordan contacted our team to ask questions about Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Pray that Khaled and many other seekers would learn more about – and enter – the Kingdom of God.

MONDAY 14 APRIL

WAIT FOR THE SPIRIT

"On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 1:4-5)

"I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit; I want to be filled with faith," said SAT-7 TÜRK viewer Azra. Thank God for Azra's faith, and pray that more people in Türkiye will be filled with the Holy Spirit, just like the first apostles.

TUESDAY 15 APRIL

MAKE DISCIPLES

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

"You tell us about Jesus Christ, the bread and water and life," Raham from Iran said to a member of the SAT-7 PARS Viewer Support team. "Through satellite, you are serving all in declaring the Word of God to everyone." Pray that SAT-7's teams will continue working faithfully to make disciples all over the MENA.

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

WITNESSES

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"The freedom He has brought to me has enabled me, through the power of His Spirit and Word, to speak to my fellow Iranians about Jesus," Makan said to us recently. "[Let] their hearts and minds

may be opened by the Holy Spirit that they too may receive eternal life." Pray that God will equip more believers like Makan to be His witnesses in Iran.

THURSDAY 17 APRIL

"HE WILL RETURN"

"After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'" (Acts 1:9-11)

"I believe... that there will be a second life after death," said Ayman from Iraq, in response to a question we posted on social media. "I don't know whether it will be the same earth or a different planet and a different kind of life..." After many discussions, Ayman came to see Jesus as the author of history. Pray that many more in the MENA will prepare their hearts for the second coming of Jesus.

FRIDAY 18 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

"He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'" (1 Peter 2:24)

A SAT-7 KIDS viewer named Pea from Egypt said, "The most beautiful thing Jesus did on earth was to take all our sins, be crucified on the cross, and forgive all our sins, even though they are many." Praise Jesus that He endured the cross for us.

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

INTERCEDING FOR US

"Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Romans 8:34b)

Give thanks that, because Jesus is alive and seated with the Father, He hears all our prayers and has the power to answer them.

SUNDAY 20 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.” (Romans 8:11)

“The fact that the Lord Jesus died and rose again is evident in the resurrection power that I can see in my own life,” Farshid from Iran told us recently. Let us pray along with him: “I pray that those who have not yet believed will come to faith and see for themselves how good Jesus Christ is!”

General

MONDAY 21 APRIL

EASTER CONTENT

Pray for all the SAT-7 viewers who watched our content relating to Easter, including live church services, teaching sessions, and worship sets. Ask that God will use what they have learned to produce lasting fruit in their lives.

TUESDAY 22 APRIL

EARTH DAY

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse” (Romans 1:20). Thank God that He reveals Himself to us through His creation, and pray that you will learn to see evidence of Him in all the things around you.

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

SAT-7 PLUS

Our streaming service, SAT-7 PLUS, gives our viewers free access to a vast library of Christian films, series, documentaries and more. In 2024, there were 1.3 million unique users of SAT-7 PLUS. Pray that more people in the MENA will discover this service and use it to further their faith.

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

PERSECUTION IN AFGHANISTAN

“I am one of a number of persecuted believers from Afghanistan,” said

Rademan, a SAT-7 PARS viewer. “Our lives are in danger. We need help as we are facing a lot of persecution.” Pray that Afghan believers will know God’s closeness and love during these trying times.

Sharing the Gospel

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

Through satellite TV and digital media, SAT-7 is reaching people with the Gospel message in a region where millions have never heard it before. We want everyone in the MENA to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus in their own languages. Pray for SAT-7’s staff to be filled afresh with passion to share the Good News of Jesus with the people of the MENA.

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL

Essence of the Gospel shares the message of Jesus with Turkish people in an engaging and clear way. The programme’s presenter, Cem Ercin, explains how the Gospel can change the way viewers see the world and the

things they hold to be true. Pray that more Turks will be led to this programme and encounter Jesus through it!

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

ISHAK FROM MOROCCO

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth” (John 13:16a). Ishak, a SAT-7 ARABIC viewer from Morocco, wants the truth. “Teach us what isn’t taught in the schools of Morocco,” asked SAT-7 ARABIC viewer Ishak. “We know nothing about Christianity except what our book tells us.” Thank God that his Holy Spirit is guiding people like Ishak towards the truth of the Gospel.

MONDAY 28 APRIL

ONLINE CONTENT

In 2024, we had 28 million views on YouTube, 1.2 million Facebook followers, and 3.5 million engagements on Instagram. Praise God for the number of people who are finding and enjoying our Christ-centred content online!

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

GOOD NEWS FOR CHILDREN

SAT-7 KIDS programme *My Jesus* (pictured below) reveals the character of Christ to children through worship songs and reflections, helping them know Jesus personally and follow the example He set. Pray for all of SAT-7’s programmes that share the Gospel with children, that God will use them to brighten the future of the MENA.

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

AZEETA’S FRIEND

The presenters of SAT-7 PARS show *Our Neighbourhood* recently heard from a viewer named Azeeta. Let us join her in prayer: “Please pray that I will have opportunities, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to share the gospel with [a friend of mine] and that he will come to faith in the living God.”

Names of viewers throughout have been changed.

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