



WEEK OF PRAYER | 20-27 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM

PRAYER GUIDE



A GLOBAL PRAYER CHAIN

Thank you for joining us for the SAT-7 Week of Prayer 2019, and for helping us create a global prayer chain. During this week, thousands of people around the world will be praying for the people of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

This prayer guide was created for you to use in your personal prayers and to share with your church and your bible study group. You will see that each day has a theme, outlining a specific issue that we can pray for together.

We have also included stories and testimonies from those living in the MENA. We hope that you will find this guide useful and be inspired by the stories of our viewers who have overcome hardships and continue to dream for their futures.

We know that God is doing wonderful things in the lives of the people in the MENA, and that He will continue to change lives. However, people can easily lose hope and become discouraged in their circumstances.

“Dare to Dream” is the theme of our Week of Prayer this year. It is a theme of hope and courage, of perseverance and of faith. This week we want to encourage you to pray for the people of the MENA, that despite their circumstances they will continue to “Dare to Dream”. Through our prayers, let us “Dare to Dream” with them.

[Click here](#) to find more Week of Prayer resources:

“Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Philippians 4:8



DAY ONE | 20 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR FREEDOM

Numerous Christians in the MENA risk prison and their lives on a daily basis, yet they continue to persevere and remain strong in their faith, knowing that they have true freedom in Christ.

However, many in the MENA have yet to experience this freedom. Men and women have become enslaved to addictions, some who suffer abuse have accepted this as normal, and millions of children have grown up knowing only war, conflict, and destruction.

Under such circumstances, the people of the MENA are desperately searching for hope and freedom.

- Pray for Christians in the MENA who face prison and even death for the sake of their faith. Pray that they will continue to stand firm in Jesus Christ and that they will experience His freedom.
- Pray for people suffering abuse, that they would be freed from these harmful relationships and find comfort and love in God.
- Pray that SAT-7 programs would show its viewers that they can find freedom from guilt and sin in Jesus Christ.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit
of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17



Production of "A Letter from Prison", a music video, sharing the experiences of persecuted Christians. [Click here](#) to watch the music video and interviews.



A refugee child and her mother.

DAY TWO | 21 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR EDUCATION

Darin couldn't send her children to school because of the conditions in Iraq. However, her children now know how to read and write, thanks to one of SAT-7's educational programs, *My School*.

Twenty-two million children in the MENA region are currently in danger of missing out on education. Disruption, violence and conflicts prevent the next generation from learning essential skills that will help them rebuild their countries in the future.

Children in the MENA dream of the day when they can attend school regularly and learn.

- Pray for refugee and displaced children in the MENA who are unable to attend school. Pray that they will have access to SAT-7's educational programs.
- Pray that our educational programs will equip children and inspire young leaders to rebuild the MENA.
- Pray that through our programs children will be encouraged to think critically and set goals beyond their circumstances.

SAT-7 educational programs are accessible to displaced and refugee children through satellite TV and online. Alongside providing children with basic education, SAT-7 shares the message that God loves them.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6



DAY THREE | 22 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR PEACE

War and conflict in the MENA have forced millions of people to leave their beloved cities and countries, while others are left behind and struggle within the ruins. Many have lost family and friends; children have been orphaned and parents have lost their sons and daughters.

Through all the instability and turmoil, people are dreaming of peace for their countries and looking for a peace that will calm the storms within themselves.

A young girl who watches SAT-7 PARS has shared her prayer for the MENA. Please pray with her.

“ I pray for the countries who are in the midst of conflict and war. I pray for all people to be happy and not to have problems. I pray for the sick people to get well and live a good life.

- Pray that God will keep those affected by conflict safe, and that He will reunite separated families and bring healing to relationships.
- Pray that SAT-7 programs offering support through trauma and medical advice will reach those in need and help them through their struggles.
- Pray that in the midst of these difficult circumstances, people will find hope in God and experience peace in Him.



**"But the fruit
of the Spirit
is love,
joy, peace,
forbearance,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness."**

Galatians 5:22



Praying among the ruins – The first on-the-ground footage in Raqqa, Syria, after ISIS militants left. The documentary *Al Raqqa: Between Yesterday and Today* presents a message of peace and solidarity. [Click here](#) to watch it.

**"There is neither
Jew nor Greek,
there is neither
slave nor free,
there is neither
male nor female;
for you are all
one in Christ
Jesus."**

Galatians 3:28

DAY FOUR | 23 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR EQUALITY

In some areas of the MENA, Minorities, Christians, and women have their rights and movements severely restricted by society and the State.

Women in the MENA have fewer rights than men and are often considered second class citizens. Their value is dictated by the roles society deems appropriate and deviation from these roles is met with disapproval.

Similarly, various religious minorities, including Christians and especially new believers, face enormous obstacles in their daily lives. Societal pressure against these groups can result in ostracism from family, public humiliation, the loss of jobs, and in extreme cases, honour killings, and physical abuse.

- Pray that women across the MENA will discover their equal value and their voice through SAT-7 programs and have the boldness to be a force for change.
- Pray for religious equality across the MENA region, and pray for a change in societal attitudes towards Christians.
- Pray for Christians who face inequality in their lives due to their faith. Pray that God will give them the strength and courage to persevere in the face of enormous pressure and obstacles.



DAY FIVE | 24 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR UNITY

Churches of all denominations are coming together to support and encourage each other in the MENA. Hatim from Egypt, a viewer of SAT-7 ARABIC, has identified a major problem that faces the global Church today – disunity within the body of Christ.

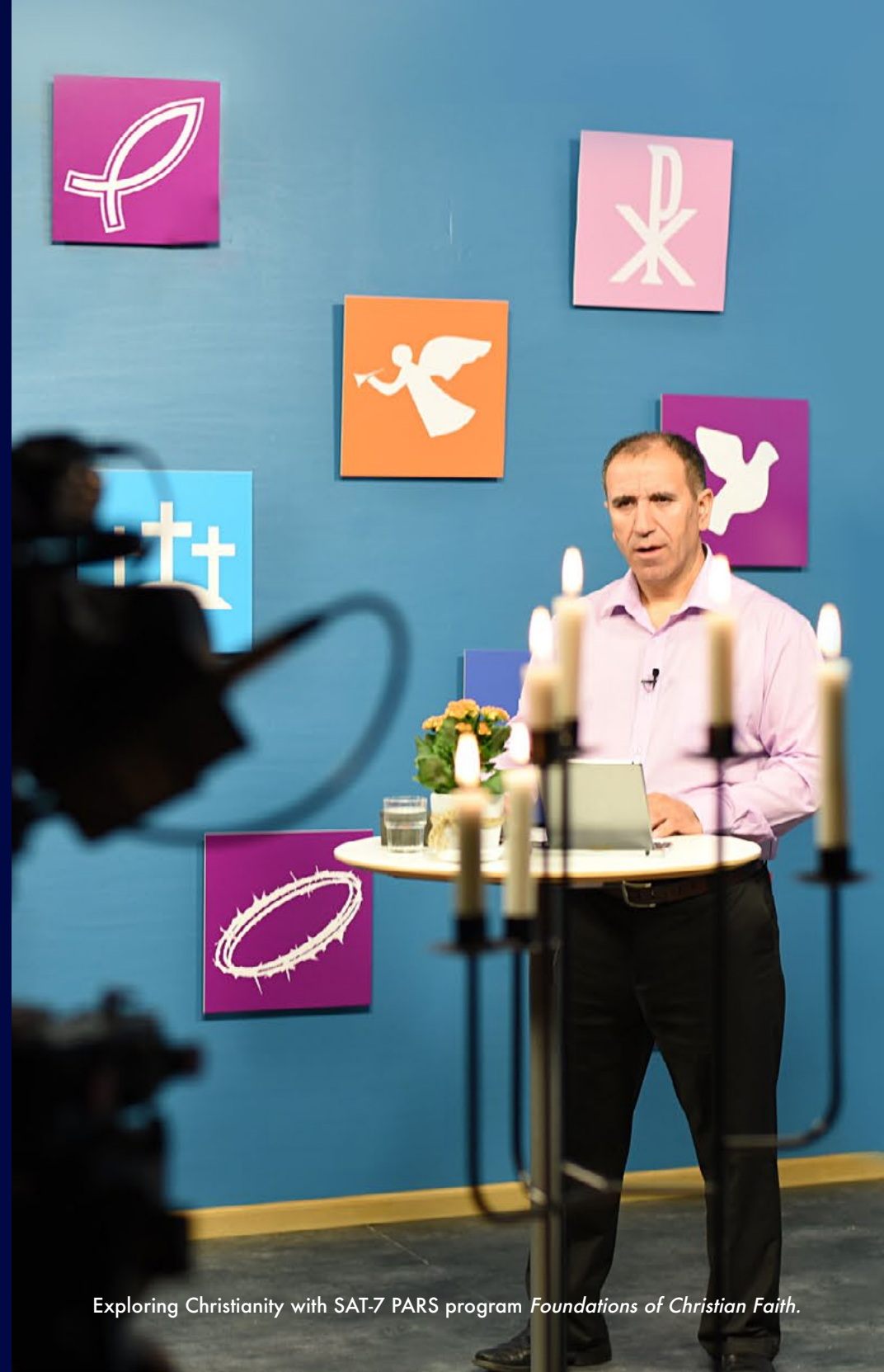
“ Sometimes people from different denominations show ill treatment towards each other, just because they are from different churches.

Different traditions, views and disputes have all contributed to dividing the Church of Christ. In a region where Christians are persecuted because of their faith, it is important for Christians of the MENA to put aside differences and support one another through difficult situations.

Hatim’s advice is this;

“ We must pray for the Holy Spirit to come and fill our hearts and dispel hate and discrimination.

- Pray for the churches in the MENA, that they will stand united in the face of opposition.
- Pray that Christians will set aside their differences to help each other through difficulties, pain and suffering and rejoice together in God’s love.
- Pray that Christian leaders will set a godly example to others in their love, respect, and care for one another.



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

DAY SIX | 25 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR FAMILY

Shabnam's husband was unfaithful to her numerous times and she wanted to leave him. Upset, she reached out to SAT-7, who told her about the power of a praying wife. A week later, giving thanks to God, she told SAT-7 that not only had they resolved their problems, but he also made the decision to become a follower of Christ.

There is a false and unrealistic ideal of marriage ingrained in the culture of the MENA. To live up to this perfect ideal, couples are forced to hide behind masks, pretending that everything is fine when it is not, unable to confront the problems destroying their relationships.

As a result, divorce rates and depression among men and women in the MENA are increasing.

- Pray for families facing difficult and painful experiences. Pray that God will be a source of strength, comfort, and healing to them.
- Pray that through SAT-7's parenting shows, MENA mothers and fathers will be equipped to raise their children with godly values.
- Pray that SAT-7 programs addressing marriage and relationships will help families in the MENA deal with their problems in healthy and constructive ways.



DAY SEVEN | 26 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR RESTORATION

Myriam was forced to leave Qaraqosh, her hometown, when ISIS invaded Iraq in 2014. In her interview with SAT-7 at the time, Myriam had three prayers; to go back to school, to return to her home, and to reunite with her friend Sandra. Five years later, God has miraculously answered all her prayers.

Millions of people across the MENA still find themselves displaced and alone, dreaming of reunification with their families, and the restoration of their homes and lives.

- Pray for the restoration of war-torn cities, that people will return to their homes safely, and have the energy, courage, and supplies to rebuild their lives.
- Pray that families separated by circumstances will be reunited. Pray that God will heal their relationships and help them overcome trauma.
- Pray that SAT-7 programs will continue to be a source of comfort and strength to people in the MENA, just as they were for Myriam five years ago.

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." 1 Peter 5:10



Myriam with SAT-7 Presenter Essam sitting on a hill in Qaraqosh.
[Click here](#) to read more about her story.

DAY EIGHT | 27 OCTOBER 2019

DARE TO DREAM FOR THE CHURCH

Derya didn't know anything about Christianity until she started watching SAT-7 TURK regularly. In her tearful voice message, she said this;

“ I have realised that I was dead before I knew Him (Jesus). I was living, but inside I wasn't. And now I know what it means to really be alive.

It can be very difficult for new believers to find a church in the MENA, where less than four percent of the population is Christian. Many believers are completely alone in their faith. In countries like Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, or Iran, it is nearly impossible to find a church to attend, and it can be difficult or even dangerous to find a Bible or someone to pray with.

In the West we are blessed to be able to practice our faith and worship our God freely. This is something that Christians in the MENA dream of every day.

- Pray for churches and church leaders in the MENA, that they will be a source of godly teaching, and that people will be encouraged by the Christian community.
- Pray for isolated believers in the MENA, that they will find support and encouragement through SAT-7 programs and know that they are a part of the global Christian family.
- Pray that Christians in the MENA will be a shining example of God's love to their family, friends, neighbours and communities.

Behind the Veil, a program from SAT-7 TÜRK about seeking God through the Bible.



[Click here](#) to find out more about Derya's story.

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