

Prayer and Praise

SAT-7 PRIORITISES LIVE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT VIEWERS AS VIRUS CAUSES GLOBAL LOCKDOWN

“We are making every effort to ensure our live programs continue, our Audience Relations teams can respond to our viewers and that whatever happens over the coming weeks and months, SAT-7 will continue its ministry,” shares Rita El-Mounayer, SAT-7 CEO.

“All channels are working with fewer staff due to the current situation. Rather than rely only on pre-recorded programs, however, producers, presenters and crews are committed to ensuring that as many live programs as possible can still go ahead”, shared George Makeen of SAT-7 ARABIC.

On Friday March 20th a special live broadcast offering encouragement and prayer support was aired to give viewers the opportunity to connect to share how the current situation is affecting them and their families.

“With Iran in lockdown as the number of cases jumps to over 21,600 and over 1,680 deaths reported, our programs are once again a crucial lifeline to many, with our regular viewers expecting to be able to contact us and participate in the programs,” said Keenan, Director of SAT-7 PARS.

As the first case of the coronavirus was announced in Turkey, SAT-7 TÜRK spoke out about God’s peace, to send hope into the lives of its viewers amidst the fear and panic caused by news and social media “We have a unique role to ensure we are informing our viewers as well as encouraging them spiritually, to deal with the situation,” said Ekener, Director of SAT-7 TÜRK.

Churches that would be usually open in countries across the region are also now closing their doors to protect the health of their congregations. The regular Sunday broadcast from Resurrection Church in Beirut went ahead as usual on Sunday, but this time, the congregation was asked to join the worship service from home through SAT-7.

“We are responding to this evolving crisis by ensuring crucial live programs can still go ahead to support viewers who need encouragement and prayers more than ever,” said Ms El-Mounayer.

- **Let us unite in the global prayer for a suffering world.**



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As the global pandemic casts a shadow on the Persian New Year festivities, SAT-7 PARS supports and encourages its viewers to look forward to a ‘new day’ through special programming and live episodes.

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SAT-7 KIDS IS LIFELINE FOR CHILDREN DURING LOCKDOWN

“We continue with our live programs, with a stress on the current situation, to encourage viewers and pray with them during this difficult time.” says Juliana Sfeir, SAT-7 ACADEMY’s Brand Manager.

“I want to say to everyone around the world not to be afraid of the virus, because God is with us and He protects us,” says 10-year-old Emmy from Cairo, Egypt, who called in to a SAT-7 KIDS’ worship show. On the 14 March episode of *Family of Jesus*, which is one of several SAT-7 children’s live shows continuing to broadcast, presenters encouraged viewers to spread peace as much as possible at this uncertain time.

“In this time of fear, everyone is afraid of many things,” says presenter Chris. “But we want to say to everyone: Don’t be afraid. Now is your chance to enter into the family of Jesus. Many things around us that were once stable have been shaken. There are many dangers, but there is one solid truth, which is that the family of Jesus has peace, and they are steady in Him.”

Several other children called the show to pray and to encourage others. Presenter Mina Awny also gave advice on preventing the spread of the virus, including a demonstration of how children should thoroughly wash their hands.

From SAT-7’s studio in Egypt, the children’s live shows *Chato* and *Family of Jesus* continues to broadcast, with both shows now produced without children who usually take part in the filming. From Lebanon, which is under lockdown, *Bible Heroes* will continue, offering children a vital source of engaging spiritual learning while churches are closed.

During one episode, presenter Sandra led viewers in prayer. Will you echo her words and lift up to God all those affected by coronavirus?

- **“Lord, we thank you for your presence with us all the time. We pray for those in pain and we ask for your healing and protection for everyone in need, and for us. We pray that all evil will be turned to good. I pray that the influence of your Word will grow in these days.”**



MEET OUR VIEWERS

Please pray for the following viewers
while reading their messages:

FROM A VIEWER IN AFGHANISTAN

“My research shows killing is not good for a religion. I want to follow Christ with complete faith. Pray for me to meet a Christian in person.”

FROM A VIEWER IN IRAN

“My husband is a good man, devout in his religion. I just gave my heart to the Lord for new spiritual life. Pray for guidance to witness in my marriage.”

FROM A VIEWER IN JORDAN

“There are no other Christians in my area but pray that I can find and love a Christian wife.”

FROM A VIEWER IN TUNISIA

“For two years I’ve watched the program *Free Souls* with people who had experiences with a God I never knew. Today after I watched the program, I gave my life to God. Thank Him for this program.”

Pray with Open Doors

- Pray that God would calm fears and that His people would be reminded we have a different identity—one of boldness, not of fear. Pray that the church would be a calming presence and radiant light in the face of so much confusion and darkness.
- Pray that we would be people of compassion who intentionally reach out to others in our neighbourhoods and to our family around the world where following Jesus often results in denial of community healthcare, less or no access to medicines and social boycott.
- Pray for world leaders as they work with healthcare organizations and the medical community to develop next steps. Pray that all would be united for the common good.
- Pray with church leaders as they offer insight and wisdom to their congregations and communities. Ask God to give them opportunities to be voices of reason, clarity and grace.
- Pray with the families of the 16,000-plus people who have died and for those undergoing treatment. Ask God to comfort the broken-hearted and to strengthen those who are suffering physically and emotionally.
- Pray for those whose jobs or hours have been cut due to economic downturn. Pray for parents who are struggling to work and care for their children. Pray that churches would look for ways to reach out to families in their communities to provide for them and show them the love of Christ.
- Pray that God’s people would be unified as one Church, and that we would look to the lives and faith of our persecuted brothers and sisters as we navigate fear and the unknown ... that we would look to them for guidance and for hope.
- Pray that we as God’s people would be reminded of our hope in Christ and the truth that our Saviour who died and rose for us has already overcome the world. Pray that we would be people who read His Word and take both His call and His promises to head and heart.

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Please pray for the following viewers
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FROM A VIEWER IN NORTH AFRICA

“I am lonely with no church or other Christians here. I learn about Christ from your channel. Pray that I will get a Bible.”

FROM A VIEWER IN LEBANON

“We have many children here who have seen violence and lost a father. Pray for their needs to be met and for them to know a heavenly Father.”

FROM A VIEWER IN EGYPT

“Pray for me and my sister, that we will meet the Lord and hear His voice. We want to know the God of Peace, and worship Him.”

FROM A VIEWER IN TURKEY

“I am from a family against Christianity, but my heart is pulling me toward Jesus. I’m scared of pressure around me. Pray I will know what to do.”