

Prayer and Praise

PRAY FOR CHRISTIANS IN EGYPT

At least 12 have died after twin terrorist attacks on a church and Christian-owned shop in Helwan, south of Cairo on 29 December.

During our live broadcast from Kasr el Dobra Evangelical Church, Pastor Sameh Hannah led the congregation in prayer for Egypt following the terror attack in south Cairo: "We want to pray for Egypt, [that] God will protect his people. Evil wants to spread terror and sadness in people's homes ... Pray for protection so the Lord will send armies of angels to protect his people and do great things. All evil council shall cease, and sadness will be no more. Any plots to bomb churches and kill people shall stop. Although the evil spirits are very active these days, God is powerful, higher and stronger. Pray for protection of our churches, our police, our army... Lord, Your people shall be stronger in faith and without fear, hanging on to You. Proclaim your faith now, church of Egypt! The churches will be filled because Your people know that You are present and protect them. Let's pray together and ask for the protection of Egypt and the uncovering of all evil plans against it. Lord, protect this country for the sake of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Christmas, we remember the voice that came from heaven - "peace on earth" - we want peace on our earth and joy to the people."

- **Pray healing for the injured and please pray for the families of those who have lost their lives recently and for all those who have lost loved ones from the series of attacks on the Christian community of Egypt over the past year.**
- **Pray for the protection of the Christian community.**
- **In the new year, plead with God for greater peace in the Middle East and North Africa.**
- **Intercede for SAT-7 to help Christ's church flourish in spite of brutal threats, repression, and killings. Pray for programs, internet pages, and videos to be tools in God's hands to form a new generation of godly leaders for the Middle East and North Africa.**

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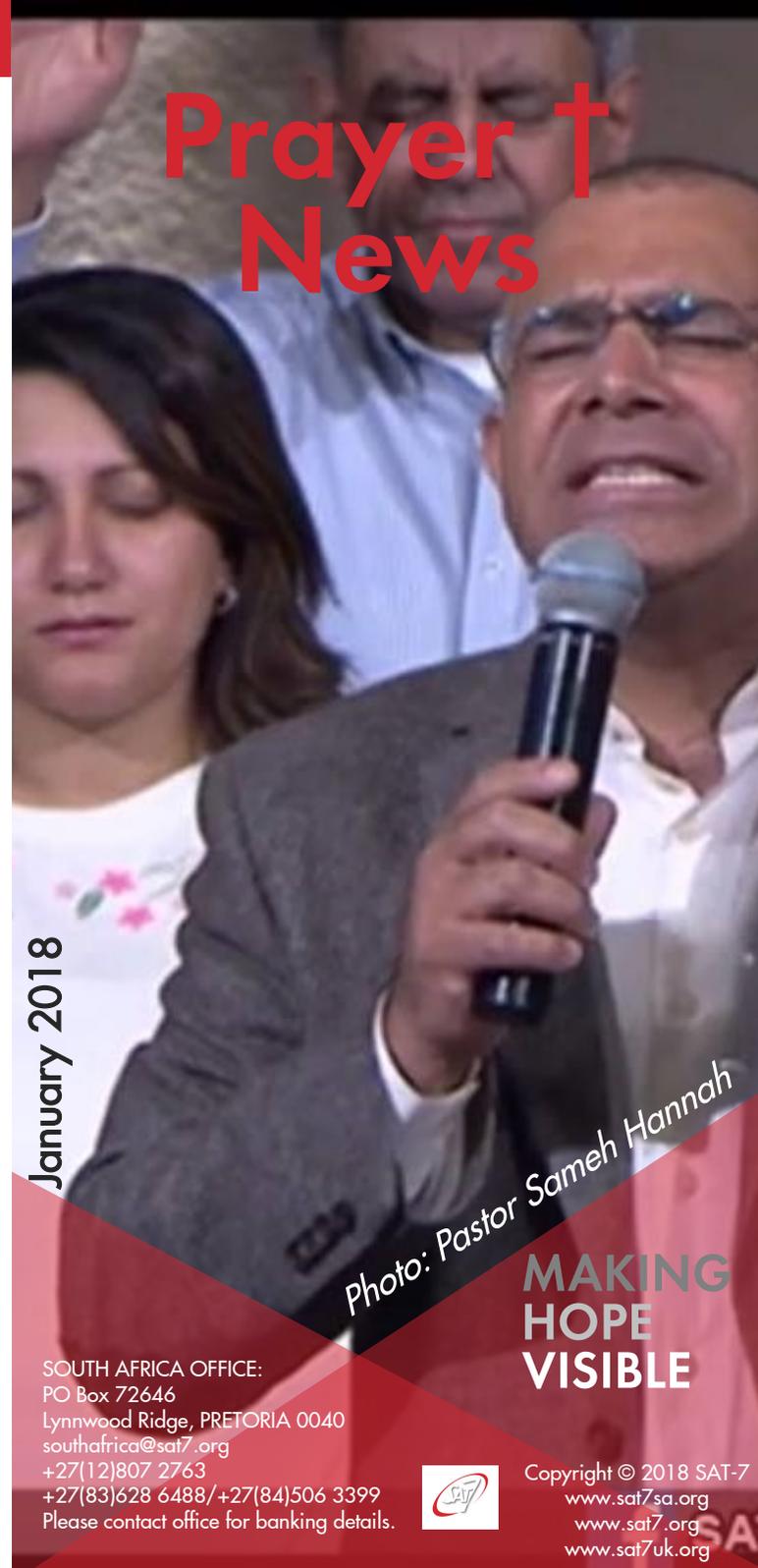


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SECRET BELIEVERS IN IRAN

Amidst recent unrest, SAT-7 viewers in Iran continue to find hope and peace in Christ.

Marjan wrote to say: "Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The years before I met Him, my spirit was wandering in the wilderness. But a year ago I became familiar with Jesus and the word of God through my uncle's neighbour. I am sad that I had not been able to grow more in faith and knowledge about our Lord yet, for I don't have many sources to do so in my country. Still, I continuously pray to Jesus and trust Him in all my hardship. I feel His presence within me and my spirit is no longer in the wilderness. I have much more peace and rest in my heart. He has given my life hope and purpose.

"A while ago a friend of mine told me about SAT-7, and I have been watching your programmes ever since. God is using you to bring more peace to my life. Would you please help me pray and grow more in the Lord?"

Despite desperate difficulties, Iranians are turning to Christ in increasing numbers. According to Operation World, the oppressive regime has the fastest-growing evangelical population in the world.

A new series has just been launched to help believers develop maturity, resilience and endurance to persevere through dangers and ill-treatment. Presented by two well-known Iranian-born pastors, *God and the Persecuted* brings encouragement from Scripture and church history to strengthen secret Christians. Equally valuable is the one-to-one support of SAT-7 counsellors, who respond to contact from isolated believers seeking connection, prayer and hope in the hardest of times.

- **Please pray for Iran where thousands of people have been protesting across the country since last week. Reportedly, at least 20 people have died, hundreds have been arrested. Pray for peace and protection over this nation at this time of unrest.**
- **Praise God for the openness of so many Iranian people to the gospel, despite immense hardship.**
- **Ask God that many more would come to faith through Christian programming on SAT-7 PARS.**



MEET OUR VIEWERS

Please pray for the following viewers while reading their messages:

From a viewer in Syria – There are explosions very close to our house, but Jesus has saved my family. Pray He will protect us and help our emigration papers be approved.

From a viewer in Kurdistan – Some of my family were killed and others lost their home in the Kermanshah earthquake in November. Pray for the injured people, over 7,000 of them. Ask for God’s comfort for the families of over 500 people who died in the quake.

From a viewer in Iraq – My son and I are not doing well psychologically and financially. I don’t feel like praying any more, and to be honest, I wish for death. (Pray for encouragement and hope for her.)

From a viewer in Turkey - My wife is stuck in Georgia and was rejected from asylum in Turkey or an EU country. Call on God to help us be reunited.

From a viewer in Iran – My family does not allow me to watch your programs any more, but I prayed about it because I want to follow the Lord. Pray for my faith to grow.

From a viewer in Egypt – I love what I know about Jesus and His peace. How can He accept me as a follower of His? Pray for me to understand this.

SAT-7 KIDS REUNITES LONG-LOST FATHER AND SON

Michael’s* story is one of the most amazing moments in a decade of SAT-7 KIDS broadcasts. The channel has strengthened countless families, but in this case God did something incredible – the team reunited Michael with his estranged father.

In 2014, seven-year-old Michael had not seen his father for three years. After his parents’ marriage broke down, Michael and his mother moved from Egypt to Hungary, losing all contact with his dad. Desperate to contact Michael, his father Adham* wrote to the presenter of *Why is That?*, a show his son loved.

Asking the impossible

“Please, Mr Know, pray for us,” Adham wrote. “Pray that I will be able to see my son or at least talk to him. I don’t know how I will see him after all these years, but I am sure God will do the impossible.” Mr Know prayed for the family live on *Why is That?*, and the SAT-7 KIDS team also prayed. But God worked more quickly than anyone imagined. Miraculously, Michael was watching that very episode. He also wrote to Mr Know, asking to be put in contact with Adham. To their joy, the two were soon able to speak.

“Praise God, I spoke with Him!”

After their life-changing telephone call, Adham wrote to SAT-7 KIDS to express his gratitude, saying: “Praise God, I spoke with Michael and he told me how much you’ve encouraged him... I can never thank you enough. May God bless you, and may you be a blessing to many [others]. Truly God is good and able to do much more than we think or imagine.” Michael also contacted the program. “I was very happy when he called me,” he wrote. “We thank Jesus for His love because He gave me a way to speak with my father through SAT-7 KIDS. Thank you for your prayers... please pray for me to see my father soon.”



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“Truly Jesus still does miracles”

Michael’s prayer was answered when Adham travelled to Hungary. They spent three wonderful days together, and Michael’s mother has agreed that future school holidays would be spent in Egypt. The reunion has had a profound effect on Michael’s faith. “This experience has taught me to be confident in God’s promises,” he said. “I can’t describe the extent of my joy when I saw my father. Thank you Lord... Truly Jesus still does miracles.”

* Names changed for security reasons.



We thank Jesus for His love because He gave me a way to speak with my father through SAT-7 KIDS.

- Pray for people estranged from loved ones and ask for more joyful reunions like that between Michael and Adham.
- Thank God for the vision that birthed SAT-7 KIDS and pray for more viewers’ lives to be changed in the next decade.
- Give the Lord thanks for ten years of broadcasting that speaks to the hearts of children, is safe for them to watch, and shows them God’s love.