

## HEAVENLY WORSHIP IN IRANIAN HOUSE CHURCHES

Living a quietly dangerous life, followers of Jesus in countries like Iran are seeing God move powerfully wherever there is room for them to gather. And when your faith has been pushed to the margins of society, the only room left might be your living room.

Despite the dangers, house churches in Iran continue to grow and multiply. Believers face public exclusion, discrimination and even arrest if they are at all public with their faith. Staying off radar can be very difficult, especially when neighbours and local authorities are watching and waiting to catch you out. But into this precarious situation God's Spirit is sweeping.

Dina, a SAT-7 viewer from Iran, recently shared with us, "By the grace of our loving Lord, every Saturday we have a house church meeting in our home. Praise God! In the last few months, more people have come to faith in this house. We were five and now we are nine. Please pray that our house church will be protected."

SAT-7's ministry is especially valuable to secret Christians. *Heavenly Worship*, a live weekly worship programme, is a perfect example of this, giving the gift of beautiful Persian praise songs to those who long for a soundtrack to their faith. This programme, among others, is invaluable to isolated believers who cannot worship freely and struggle to find Christian resources in their dialect.

A male viewer, Babak\*, wrote in to say, "I sing the songs with all my mind and heart, and take part in the worship along with the musicians. I thank each and every one of you, beloved of God, who brings the praise and worship of the Lord to our hearts and homes."

*\*Name and image used for representation purposes only.*

- **Praise God that believers in Iran, faced with so many difficulties, are still meeting in their homes to pray and worship together. Pray that God would protect them.**
- **Ask God to pour out his blessings on secret Christians in Iran**



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## "YOU ARE NOT ALONE"

*You Are Not Alone* brings much-needed spiritual encouragement and solidarity to viewers struggling with the loneliness, anxiety, and grief caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Broadcasting three times weekly, the new program shares uplifting stories of hope, along with a devotion to help viewers fix their eyes on Jesus.

"Fear is human, and we cannot deny that. But we must not surrender to it. We must have faith, because faith always conquers fear," shared the Syrian church leader, Pastor Emile Al-Tarcheh in the devotional on the very first episode of *You Are Not Alone*.

Each 25-minute episode of *You Are Not Alone* shares news updates, but also features reports of stories that help viewers feel connected to others. "On this program, we encourage one another by sharing our personal experiences of living through these times," says presenter Sirene. "We also offer expert advice on how to get through this period with the least damage possible, both physically and emotionally."

The program also includes the inspiring stories of medical workers from Arab countries who have been recognised for their work in France, one of the world's hardest-hit countries. The Lebanese crew was praised by President Hassan Diab, who told them, "Each and every one of you is the pride of Lebanon. We wish you success and hope to see you back in Lebanon soon."

Viewers were also introduced to a musician in Chile, who has been standing outside his parents' house every day, playing the accordion for them to keep their spirits up.

*You Are Not Alone* further offers viewers an opportunity to pray for those who are suffering around the world, to share each other's burdens, and to pay tribute to those who have passed away. The first episode shared the prayer needs of two young boys who have both lost their mothers to Covid-19: one in Morocco, and the other in Italy. Sirene also spoke with Fr Fadi Al-Chidiac, a Jesuit priest from Lebanon whose father has died of Covid-19. "It was difficult, but I thank God, for He is with us," he declared.

*\*All SAT-7 programs are being produced in adherence with local public health guidelines, with a skeleton crew and with experts appearing by video link.*



# MEET OUR VIEWERS

Please pray for the following viewers  
while reading their messages:

## FROM A VIEWER IN IRAN

“Thank God that you listen patiently as we share our problems with you. You make it possible for us to remain standing amid life-sapping circumstances.”

## FROM A VIEWER IN ALGERIA

“It has been months since the government locked our church. Now people ask us what happens in the church. Pray we use these opportunities well.”

## FROM A VIEWER IN IRAQ

“My wife and cousin have the coronavirus. Pray for healing for them and for all who are feverish, struggling to breathe, and fearful. Pray they find God’s peace.”

## FROM A VIEWER IN AFGHANISTAN

“My concept of Christ has changed. Today I feel able to accept Him. I want to follow Him.”

*Pray for this new believer to grow in faith.*

**“I am a nurse. I am working in a hospital and I have a daughter, four years old. She follows your programs. I want to say that your prayers for health care workers for God to protect them from COVID-19, it touches my heart so much!”**

**- A female viewer of SAT-7 KIDS**

## Bringing us into God’s presence

I fell asleep one night and I saw God dressed as a king, with twelve servants behind Him, who met me and drew me to Himself with His smile, which was full of kindness. I woke up and understood that God had appeared to me as a human being to draw me to Himself. At the time I knew nothing of Christ and I had never read the Bible, yet after the dream, I knew that God had visited me as a heavenly King. So I knelt, opened my heart to Him and repented. I am now a daughter of God and the Living Christ is my Lord. My husband who was addicted to opium came to Christ as did my children. Truly my garments of mourning have been transformed into garments of praise and joy.

*Pouran, an Iranian SAT-7 PARS viewer*

I wasn’t a Christian and I was the daughter of a family who was against Christianity. I had been seeing Jesus Christ in my dreams on the same day for the last two years. I feel like crying when I look at his pictures, I love him so much. This may seem weird to you, but I don’t know anything about Him. But my soul is telling me to be a Christian, and my heart is pulling me towards that direction. I can’t talk about this with my family or anyone else as a matter of fact. I was so happy to find out that a Christian organisation like this exists, and I thought you could help. One night, I woke up and saw that the TV was on and on SAT-7 TÜRK. I didn’t turn on that channel, it was just on by itself. What does this all mean?

*Oylum, SAT-7 TÜRK viewer*



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## FROM A VIEWER IN IRAN

“Pray for my daughter to find a man of faith to marry. Pray for our family’s protection, for you are our family, closer than our physical relations.”

## FROM A VIEWER IN EGYPT

“I am afraid. I feel like I have the virus. I can’t go to the doctor or hospital because of the quarantine. Pray for me to get well and that my children will remain healthy.”

## FROM A VIEWER IN TURKEY

“I am confused about why Jesus is called Son, but I am warm to the idea of Christianity.”  
*Pray for this man’s understanding of Christ and salvation.*

## FROM A VIEWER IN KUWAIT

“My son is breaking my heart because he gets drugs and acts wild. Please pray for him to believe in Jesus and leave drugs.”

## FROM A VIEWER IN EGYPT

“I forgave my husband, and our relationship became very good because of your advice to pray for him. Keep praying for us to learn more about Christ.”