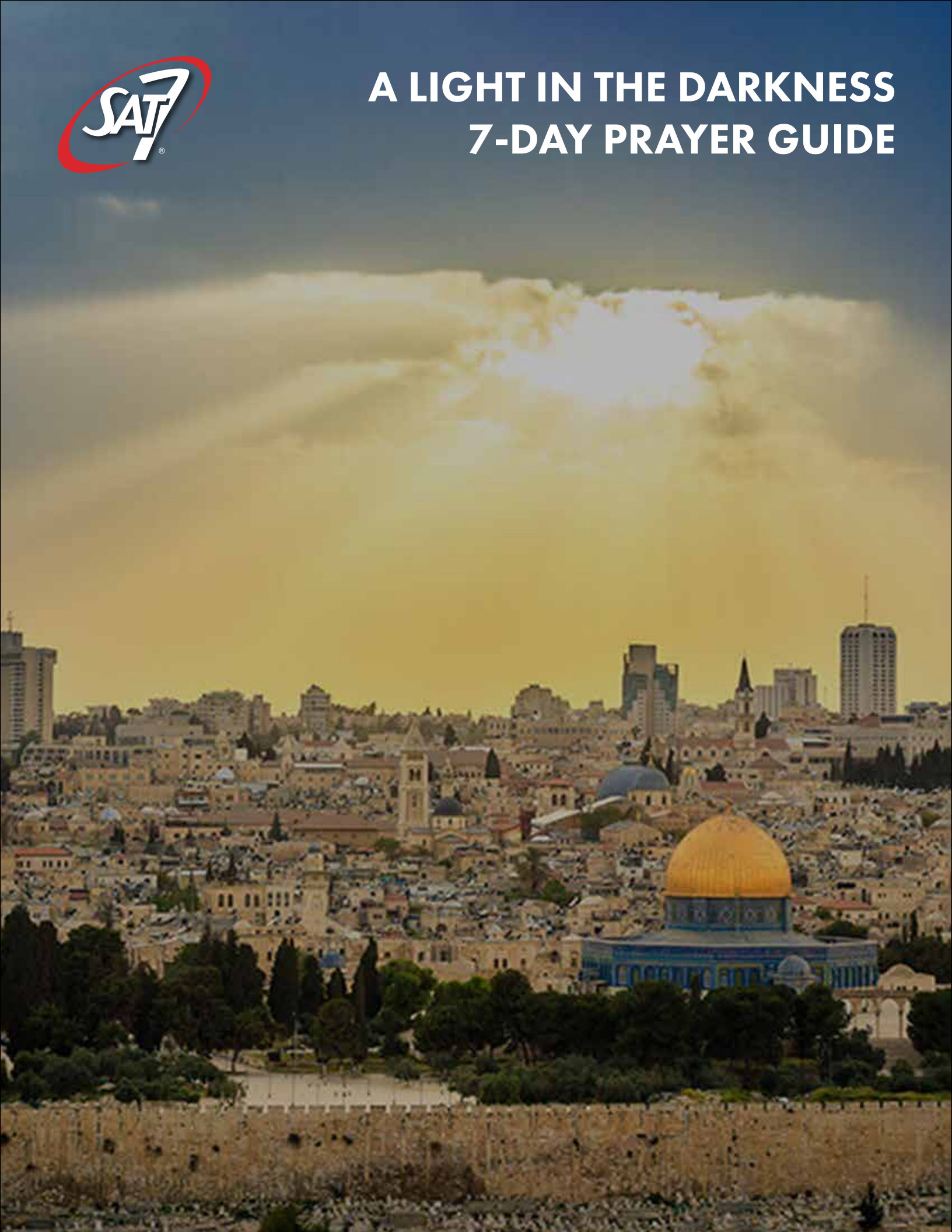




A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

7-DAY PRAYER GUIDE



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Seven days of guided intercession for the Middle East and North Africa

Dear SAT-7 friend,

In the region where the Christian faith was born, one tragedy and horror has followed another. We know you care about the Middle East, and have no doubt been heartbroken, as we are. Perhaps we also wonder whether there is any hope. Certainly, when we look at the Holy Land today, it is easy to ask, "God, where are you?"

But working in Middle East ministry has shown us that there is no crisis so horrific or heart-breaking that God cannot be at work. In the most unimaginable of situations, isolated believers tell us that their faith is growing. They say, "God is with me. I sense He is with me. I see Him working." In the promises of His Word, and the evidence of this experience, is where we find our hope for the Middle East and North Africa.

And so, as children clinging to a loving parent, we cry out to God for this region that we love – that we know He loves.

Many people have asked us, how can they pray for the Middle East today. The following guide is only a suggestion; please use it however it is useful to you. The guided prayers may be only a prompt for your own intercession. Or, we know that sometimes, having words to follow can be helpful. Thank you for praying for the Holy Land and for the whole Middle East and North Africa.

God bless you,

The SAT-7 USA team

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (John 14:13-14)



DAY 1

VIOLENCE IN THE HOLY LAND

Father, we are broken for the suffering in the Holy Land. We cry out for every grieving parent, child, sibling, and friend. Father, please comfort those who mourn (Matthew 5:4), those held hostage, and all who are terrified.

We ask for mercy for vulnerable people of all backgrounds in harm's way, especially children, pregnant mothers, and elders. May they know Your presence even as terror rains down and ways out are blocked. May there be milk for infants, water and food for children, and treatment for injured civilians. Please protect the powerless.

Lord, we pray for believers amid this conflict, that you would protect them and enable them to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Lord, we praise you for Your great goodness, and pray You will draw people of all backgrounds to Yourself in these days. You know Your plans for the lands You walked, and above all, we pray Your will be done.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen



DAY 2

OPPRESSION IN **IRAN**

**Lord, we lift up the country of Iran.
We cry to You for freedoms denied,
for lives oppressed, for young people
losing hope.**



Please be near to the bereaved and struggling, especially parents of children unjustly killed during protests.

We pray for Isolated Believers, especially those in prison or facing harassment, and praise You for their faith and witness. Please sustain and protect them.

We pray Your loving hand will be over the future of this nation, and that today's new generation will see a future of freedom and justice, one in which many will turn to You and can worship in safety.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen

DAY 3

QUAKE VICTIMS IN **TURKIYE AND SYRIA**

Lord, we can barely comprehend the scale of loss in Türkiye and Syria. We cry out to you for families with empty seats at their tables today, for those whose homes and churches lie in ruins.

We pray especially for orphaned children and grieving parents. As winter approaches, we lift up those still without proper shelter and sanitation. Lord, please relieve these burdens. We thank you for the witness of believers who have selflessly helped others in Your Name, and pray You will be glorified. Please strengthen and equip all who are working for good.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.



DAY 4

CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Lord, amid these many crises, we lift up Sudan, a nation with a long history of suffering that often goes unreported. We pray for all those who have fled violence and left everything behind.

We cry out for livelihoods lost, for education disrupted, for those living in fear and trauma and under stress. Lord, please make a safe way for the displaced. We thank you for stories from Your people, of Christian children encouraging their families and congregations finding strength together. Lord, please make a way for all Sudanese people to live in safety.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

DAY 5

REFUGEES FROM NAGORNO- KARABACH

Father, please be with the historic Christian communities displaced from Nagorno-Karabach, Armenia.

Please comfort those bereft by the loss of homelands and security, especially elders and children. Please bring healing to wounds deepened by centuries of painful history. May Your people find hope in the knowledge that their true citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). Lord, please bring a just peace to this area. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



DAY 6

DISASTERS IN NORTH AFRICA

Lord, we cry out to you for the shock and devastation of natural disasters in Libya and Morocco.

We grieve for families buried in their homes; for whole villages that were levelled. Please draw near to the injured and traumatized, to all who waited for help that could not come, and bind up their wounds (Psalm 147:3).

Please make a way for rebuilding where all hope seems lost. May the unsheltered find safe harbor. May You bring healing. May homes and schools one day ring again with the sounds of laughter and joy.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.



DAY 7

SUFFERING IN AFGHANISTAN

Lord, You know the suffering and needs in Afghanistan, how the shock of the takeover may have eased, but misery has not.

We pray for all those whose hopes for their country were dashed. We lift up girls and women whose futures were stolen. We pray for every mother and father who cannot feed their families.

We also lift up believers who are following You at high risk. We praise You for their faith, and for Your faithfulness to them. Lord, we pray that those who have had to bury their Bibles or hide behind closed doors will know Your nearness. Please protect them.

And we pray, Lord, for victims of the earthquakes that have brought new pain on top of old. We pray for those whose homes are in rubble, who searched in vain for survivors with their bare hands. Lord Jesus, please bring restoration. Please bring Your hope and peace to this suffering country.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

FOR ANY DAY

THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Father God, we place into your hands every crisis, every conflict, every fault line across the Middle East and North Africa, including the land where our faith was born.

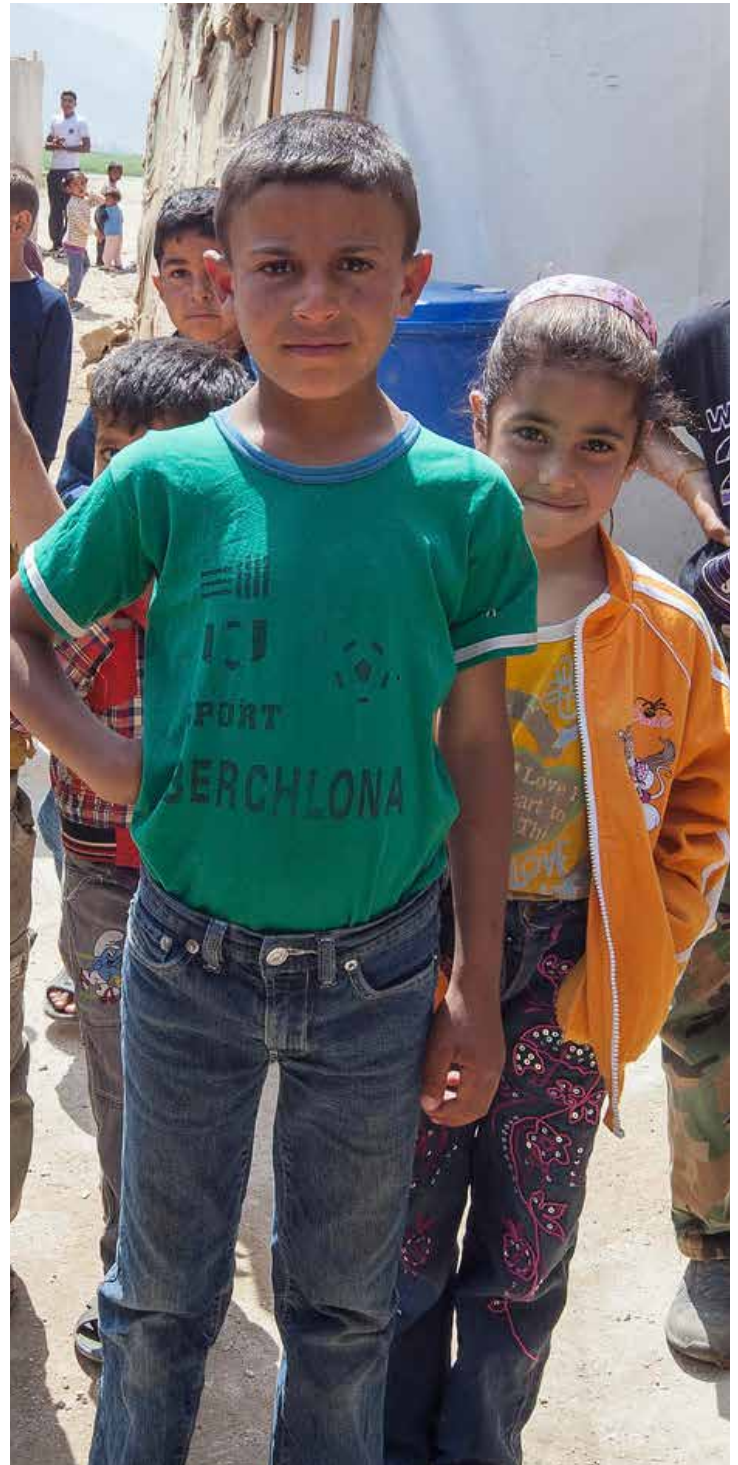
We know that true peace can only come when hearts are reconciled to you, and then to each other. Lord, we lift up to you everywhere that peace has been destroyed and futures are under threat. May Your name and Your comfort be known everywhere where fear of escalation now reigns.

We pray against hatred, persecution, and dire lack of essentials. We pray for little ones, for elders, for men and women, for Your children across the region. We lift up to You the suffering that we see in the headlines and the suffering that goes unseen by anyone.

Lord, please bring Your peace. Please bring Your justice. Help to us know how to pray, and how to serve. Thank You for how You work through SAT-7 to bless believers and truth-seekers. May Your will be done.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

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