

Dear brothers and sisters at SPAN, and dear parishioners.

Greetings in the name of the Lord, we hope that you are all well, here are some of the most urgent prayer intentions for this period:

1- Mrs. Annie B., a long-standing friend and benefactor of our association, who lives in Crozon in Brittany, is suffering from advanced cancer. She is asking for prayers that the Lord may sustain her in this difficult trial.

*"Lord Jesus, you who healed the blind and the paralytic, nothing is impossible for you. We entrust our sister Annie to you, so that you may ease her suffering. May your full will be accomplished in her life. Amen"*

2- Samar was 10 when she saw her mother commit suicide in front of her, and went on to live as an only child with an aggressive, alcoholic father. At the age of 15 she ran away from home in search of a better life. She slept on beaches and under bridges. She met a young man who offered her a life full of happiness. Sometime later, this young man led her into drugs, the drug trade and prostitution. She was arrested by the police and placed in Baabda women's prison. It was there that our social worker began to look after her. After her release a year later, our social worker invited her to come to our Sin-el-Fil rehabilitation center. Samar comes regularly, at least until now.

*Please pray for Samar as she is still psychologically fragile and needs support to turn the page on her past.*

3- Sexually abused from an early age by her father, Leila was going through a real personal drama. A friend of hers, a neighbor and former beneficiary of the center, was aware of the situation and brought her to us, where she is cared for by the social worker and psychologist.

*Working with Leila requires a great deal of patience, and our prayers are greatly needed so that the Lord may heal the wounds of this young girl's heart and soul.*

4- Rita is one of our beneficiaries at the Nabaa center, aged 13. Her father is a soldier in the Lebanese army and her mother works as a cleaner in a commercial enterprise. Rita suffers from obesity and is the victim of mockery and moral and sometimes physical harassment from her classmates at the government school she attends. She doesn't want to go back to school next year because of the teasing. Rita comes to the center in the afternoons to take part in activities and programs, but she's always trying to attract attention by inventing bizarre stories with no logical connection, as if to win the affection of her classmates. The center team is doing its best to help Rita solve her problems.

*Let's pray for Rita that she will be able to continue her schooling normally, and live a normal, healthy life in touch with reality.*

5- You know from the news that there is now talk of a full-scale war in Lebanon between the pro-Iranian Hezbollah militia and Israel after the war in Gaza. *Lebanon needs our prayers more than ever. We believe that only our prayers can save us from the worst.*

In Christ's service,

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