



Care in the time of CORONA

# STORIES OF HOPE

Round-the-clock Prayer

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Since Day 1 of lockdown, on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020, a 24-hour prayer watch started in the small town of Piet Retief has not stopped, and has now spread to a network of 400 people across 29 countries.

Anneke Rabe from Wellspring Ministries, Piet Retief, believes in working across church denominations to encourage believers to become one in Christ. When lockdown hit, Anneke started a 24-hour, 21-day prayer initiative called Coronavirus Global Prayer Devotion.

“I have been involved in coordinating 24-hour prayer watches for 21 years and have never seen the allotted hours taken up so quickly. There was an urgency in people to pray, like I have never seen before,” says Anneke.

What was meant to last 21-days turned into 40. What became 40 days will only end on Pentecost on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

“People were afraid and we needed to give hope and help them to be focused and united in prayer,” says Anneke. “God has healed many during this period, some of whom were critically ill with the coronavirus”.

“One of the biggest miracles for me remains the love and unity amongst the people on this prayer chain and the way we have supported, encouraged and prayed for one another without even really knowing one another.”

**Contact Anneke:** People who want to pray with the group or have prayer requests around the coronavirus can send Anneke a WhatsApp and she will add them to the broadcast group: +27(0)832975792