

17 March 2020

Precautionary measurements and necessary information following the national address by President Cyril Ramaphosa, regarding the COVID 19 Virus

Dear Moreletapark congregants,

One of the most important aspects in these uncertain times, is to fully trust in the Lord. In Matt 6:25-34 the Lord emphasises that worrying will not add value to our lives. We have to focus on God and endeavour our efforts to the building of the kingdom. Let us take our position and put on the full armour of God (Eph 6:11-20) during this spiritual battle, also displaying the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). In Ps 91 it is emphasised that God is with us and that no plague will do us any harm. Hold on to the Word of God.

Considering the growing concern regarding the COVID 19 virus, as well as the announcement of emergency measures to be taken, the leadership of Moreletapark Congregation want to assure all, that this matter is of utmost importance and receiving the necessary attention. It is our duty to act precautionary and implement the necessary measurements needed at this time. We want to act in wisdom pertaining to the request received that involves all fellow South Africans. The past 36 hours have proved to influence all of our lifestyles. We will therefore keep you informed timeously as information becomes available should any adjustments need to be made. Below are arrangements with regards to:

1. Prayer

We call upon you to earnestly pray during this critical time.

The following pointers can serve as a guide to your prayer time:

- Pray and proclaim Psalm 91 out loud.
- Confess any sin that you may be aware of.
- Pray against fear, worry and doubt.
- Pray for yourself, your family and the congregation's safety against the virus.

- Pray for wisdom and discernment to how you should act and what you should do/not do.
- Ask the Lord to help you consider other people.
- Praise God for the leading role the government has played thus far.
- Pray against the possible negative financial impact the virus might have.
- Pray for obedience of fellow South Africans to adhere to the measurements.
- Pray for your family, friends, acquaintances and missionaries in other parts of the world that may be exposed to the virus.
- Pray for the solution to the virus and that people will remain calm.
- Pray 2 Tim 1:7 “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or fear but He has given us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind”.

We have all prayed for the Special Presbytery meeting scheduled for 2 April. This meeting has been postponed to 12 May. We call upon you to keep on praying in this regard.

2. Services

- **Starting this coming Sunday, 22 March including 29 March and 5 April, all Sunday services will be suspended.**
- Small group gatherings are encouraged to serve and grow together especially in a time where people need assurance and support. Do invite those that you know are not connected to a group.
- Congregants are welcome to tune in to *Keerpunt* on TBN channel 343 at 07:00 Sunday mornings.
- We will keep you informed regarding the Easter services planned for 10 – 12 April.
- All funerals that may occur during this time will be accommodated.

3. Activities

- This week’s activities, Monday 16 – Friday 20 March, will continue as scheduled.
- All other activities and group gatherings (greater than 100) scheduled on our premises from Saturday 21 March – Monday 13 April, are suspended/postponed.
- Meetings and/or activities other than mentioned above, will be dealt with accordingly via the pastor or ministry leader. Information will be duly communicated.
- Monday and Wednesday prayer meetings will continue as scheduled.

- Regarding activities that do continue during this time, necessary hygiene measurements will be taken. We do emphasise that you act responsibly as well.
- Further communication will be distributed as the situation may vary and information become available.

4. Groups

We encourage you to gather in your small groups and to pray for this delicate situation that has world-wide implications. If you are aware of an individual that may not be connected to a group-family, do invite them to join your group and also serve in this way.

5. Duifys Crèche and Pure Hope School

Both the schools will be closing on Wednesday 18 March and re-open on 14 April (unless stated otherwise by the office of the President).

6. Personnel

- As pastors and personnel, we are available during this time for any enquiries, emergencies, conversations etc.
- The administrative office and the Wholeness Centre will not be closing unless it is necessary. We will communicate should there be a change in this status.
- The administrative office will assist with information: 012 997 8000 or e-mail info@moreleta.co.za
- The Wholeness Centre (Counselling Centre) can be contacted: 012 997 8035. This is valid for any counselling cases, social work and hospital visits if needed.

A last word of importance to continue within our calling: **committed financial contributions are still of importance.** Due to the services being suspended, we lose income that is essential to the support of various institutions, projects and support to others in need, who count heavily on us as a congregation.

All that we do is possible because of the collective contributions of congregants. We count on you to still continue in this regard.

The following means of contributions are easy to do:

1. Online banking:

NG Gemeente Moreletapark

ABSA Woodlands

Cheque Account 349 0143 547

Reference: Offering

2. Zapper code:



3. Cash offerings can be delivered to our reception desk at the administration office (08:30 - 19:00 Mondays to Thursdays or 08:30 - 16:00 Fridays).

Let us unite in our position as the Body of Christ and support one another during this time. Also, we must remind ourselves that “church” has not been called off but that we are the church by building relationships and praying together. Be responsible with regards to hygiene and respect one another.

Rest and trust in God.

Yours faithfully,

Leadership: Moreletapark Congregation