

DECEMBER 31

## **“PRAYER KEEPS ME ALERT TO THE WORLD’S CLOSING MOMENTS: JESUS IS COMING BACK!”**

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### **READ**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Jesus is coming again. I am constantly reminded that I am leaving this old world, soon and very soon. So how should I be living? I should be living with the Word of God abiding in my heart. The everlasting and unchanging Word of God is not to be read just when you get in trouble or need a boost. The Bible is food for your soul. We don't eat meals just because we're starving. We eat them to stay alive and to stay strong. The Word of God is bread for your soul. How should I be living? I should be praying without ceasing. I don't think we really understand the importance of prayer. As I pray, it keeps me spiritually alert. As I pray, it makes me spiritually strong. As I pray, I begin to discern spiritual things. Prayer keeps me alert to the fact that these are the world's closing moments: Jesus is coming back! Praying people are on their tip toes, looking up, watching and waiting. How should you be living? Read and pray. Stay focused on Jesus. Comfort one another with these words: Jesus is coming again soon!

### **PRAY**

Jesus, You could still come back this year. Thank You for that hope. Renew my hunger for Scripture. Renew my love of Your Word. Keep me on my knees daily, communicating with You. I'll read and pray until that day I hear You say, "Welcome home!"

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