3rd Largest Pizza Chain in USA
Resurrection Life Means Ready to Go!
Luke 21:36

1. **Keep on alert at all times!**

2. **Goal:** strength to escape all these things about to take place
   **What things?**

Vs. 34 – don’t be burdened with
(weighed down)
* dissipation – (carousing, partying)
* drunkenness (checking OUT)
* worries of life! (oppressed WITHIN)
Vs. 34 (cont’d)
“Be on guard!”
“So the “day” won’t come on you suddenly like a trap!
* sudden!
* surprise!
* “we didn’t know!”
* Monitoring the Lord’s work in this generation
* Monitor Satan’s attacks on you / your family

3. The trigger to the strength – pray!
Setting = 2nd Coming of Christ

Luke 21:10 = strife among nations,
vs. 11 - natural disasters: EQ, famines, plagues
  * There will be terrors
  * There will be signs from the heavens
Vs. 12 – you will be persecuted, called out because of your faith –
Vs. 13 – “an opportunity for your testimony”
Vs. 14 – “make up your minds NOT to prepare to defend yourselves; I will give you utterance and wisdom....”
The Call to Alertness!

“Be on alert, Keep watch”
Mt. 24:42-44; Mark 13:32-33; 2 Peter 3:10

The opposite: dull, sleepy, unaware, vulnerable, distracted, preoccupied, inattentive!

Sleepy – “So then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober” (1 Thess. 5:6)
Here’s the Petition Jesus Underscored:

“Pray in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place…” vs. 36

Pray for strength:
* to escape all these things
* to stand before the Son of Man

(2 Corinthians 5:10)
God Provides the Way of Escape!

His ultimate deliverance: “the rapture”

1 Thessalonians 4:11-18

But He provides a way of escape right now, too!

1 Corinthians 10:13 -
"WE HAVE TO PRAY WITH OUR EYES ON GOD, NOT ON THE DIFFICULTIES."

- OSWALD CHAMBERS