

Readings from Matthew chapter 24—March 27th-April 2nd, 2022

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for His provision for the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary through His people, and pray that further restoration work on Rutherford Hall could go forward. **Pray** with Frankston (Australia) RPC for Nathaniel Pockras to have long-term employment. **Pray** for the Synod Judicial Commission as it handles the trials of elders from Immanuel (West Lafayette, Ind.) RPC.

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Thursday: How does Psalm 119:89 relate to v. 35? Pray

for the deacons at Orlando, Fla., RPC as they diligently work within and without the church building in service to the Lord. **Pray** for the Lord to raise up more ministers for the church worldwide, especially for the Reformed Presbyterian branch of the church.

Friday: How does v. 35 imply that Jesus is God? Praise God

for continued protection for members of Elkhart, Ind., RPC from COVID-19, and from a serious auto accident, and for giving peace amid the tensions around us. **Pray** for churches with vacant pulpits, including Coldenham-Newburgh (N.Y.), Selma (Ala.), Birmingham (Ala.), and Los Angeles (Calif.). **Give thanks** for four new members received at Glasgow (Scotland) RPC and the new baby who has been

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on their faces and worshipped God (bowed the knee)

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Application

- A. Are you desirous of being exuberant in your worship and praise?
- B. How can you be exuberant in your worship and praise?
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