My Prayer for Athletes & Coaches





Dear Lord -

My prayer for athletes and coaches is that they will compete for You alone. I cry out and lift my voice so that in every victory and every loss they will glorify You and stand for the cross. May their love for the game be evidence of their love for You. When they put on their uniform, lace up their shoes and walk out of the locker room, I pray they will declare their loyalty to Jesus Christ alone.

I ask, Heavenly Father, that their drive come from the Holy Spirit, not from their flesh. Through their pain, may they never give in or give up. May their passion for competition come from above. May they know that the champion inside them is Jesus. Let their only goal be to glorify the name of Christ, and that how they compete honors you, Lord.

May athletes and coaches feel Your delight when they compete. Let them realize that their abilities are from You, Jesus. May their sweat be an offering to their sweet Savior. Allow their hearts to yearn for Your applause. May they be under Your authority – respecting and honoring their teammates, coaches and opponents. May they play by all the rules and submit to You as their Ultimate Coach.

Lord, they are Your warriors in the heat of battle, humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Reveal to them the needs of their team so that they can serve them well. May their words inspire and motivate, uttering what You desire. May their bodies be Your temple. Let nothing enter their bodies that is not honoring to You.

Winning is not the ultimate victory, but to become more like You. There is nothing greater. In the name of Christ, I pray.

Amen.

Monthly Prayer Calendar

PRAYING DAILY FOR OUR ATHLETES AND COACHES



- 1st INTEGRITY Proverbs 11:3 Heavenly Father, please guide them as You cultivate integrity, so that they will demonstrate Christ-like wholeness, privately and publicly...
- 2nd SERVING John 13:12-15 God, help them to be sensitive to the needs around them and give them a desire to meet those needs as they model Jesus' example of serving...
- 3rd TEAMWORK Philippians 2:1-5 May they express unity and harmony in Christ in all their relationships and show to them how much they need each other...
- 4th EXCELLENCE Colossians 3:23-24 Lord Jesus, help coaches and athletes honor and glorify you in all they do, on and off the field of competition...
- 5th PURITY Psalm 51:10 Lord, create clean hearts in our athletes and coaches and renew steadfast spirits within them...
- 6th PASSION Psalm 84:2 May they yearn, even faint, for the courts of the Lord; crying out for the living God...
- 7th BLESSING 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 Lord, pour out Your blessings upon our athletes and coaches. Enlarge their territory, fill them and protect them...
- 8th JOY Philippians 2:2 May their joy be complete in You, Lord, as they strive to be like You in love, unity and purpose...
- 9th PROTECTION Psalm 91:11 Father, protect them, give Your angels charge over them, guarding them in all their ways...
 10th LOVE 1 Thessalonians 3:12 Heavenly Father, allow them to increase and abound in
- love for one another just as You love them...

 11th PATIENCE Psalm 40:1 God, give them hearts that wait patiently for You, knowing that
- You hear them and will answer them...
- 12th FELLOWSHIP 1 John 1:7 Father, may they walk in the light as You are in the light, having sweet fellowship with each other and with You...
- 13th RIGHTEOUSNESS Matthew 5:6 Father, bless the athletes and coaches who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled...
- 14th KINDNESS Ephesians 4:32 May they be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other just as You forgave them...
- 15th FAITHFULNESS Galatians 6:9 Lord, may they not lose heart in remaining faithful, for in due time they will reap Your reward...
- 16th WISDOM James 3:17 Lord, help them understand that wisdom from You is pure, peace-loving, considerate and sincere...
- 17th BOLDNESS Acts 4:31 Almighty God, may they be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak the Word of God with boldness...
- 18th PRAYER James 5:16 God, give athletes and coaches a passion for prayer that is powerful and effective...
- 19th HUMILITY 1 Peter 5:5 Lord, may they clothe themselves with humility in all aspects of their lives...
- 20th HEALING Jeremiah 33:6 May they understand that You, Lord, bring health and healing and will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth...
- 21st BROKENNESS 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 Blessed are You, God, who comforts them in their brokenness so that they may comfort others...
- **22nd FREEDOM Galatians 5:1** You set them free God. Enable them to keep standing firm as they experience You...
- 23rd UNITY Psalm 133:1 Lord, unify our athletes and coaches, that they may dwell together in the common bond of Christ...
- 24th GODLINESS 1 Timothy 4:7 Father, may they discipline themselves for godliness, having nothing to do with worldly things...
- 25th HOPE Romans 15:13 God, fill them with all hope, joy and peace that they may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit...
- 26th STRENGTH Ephesians 6:10 Almighty Father, may our athletes and coaches be strong in You and in the strength of Your might...
- 27th PEACE Colossians 3:15 Let Your peace rule in their hearts, since, as one body, they are called to peace...
- 28th COURAGE Deuteronomy 20:3-4 Lord, make them strong and courageous, confident that You will go before them and give them victory...
- 29th FOCUS Hebrews 12:1-3 Let their eyes be fixed on the author and perfecter of their faith, so that they will not grow weary and lose heart...
- 30th DEVOTION Psalm 5:3 Draw coaches and athletes to You daily, as they spend time in Your Word and grow spiritually...
- 31st LANGUAGE Ephesians 4:29 May they speak life with each word they utter, bringing healing as they talk. May their language be Yours, Lord...