



A Prayer for God's Blessing on

SPORTING EVENTS

LORD, we pray that You would graciously help these athletes...

Stay safe

Thank you for the healthy bodies you've given these players, O God. Protect and preserve them from illness and injury. We pray you would keep them strong, fit, & well-hydrated. (*3 John 1:2; Psalm 37:23-24*)

Practice patience

Cultivate in these athletes a spirit of self-discipline and perseverance. Teach them to be patient, both with themselves and with teammates and coaches. (*1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Proverbs 14:29*)

Overcome obstacles

Help these athletes see obstacles as opportunities to learn better methods & improve performance. Give them worthy opponents. Guard them against discouragement. (*James 1:2-4; Proverbs 27:17*)

Respect the rules

Remind these athletes of the importance of honesty and fair play. Cultivate personal integrity & help them perform in a way that brings glory and honor to You. (*Proverbs 10:9; 11:1-3; 20:23; 1 Cor. 10:31*)

Take turns

LORD, teach these athletes to encourage one another and to value the contribution of their fellow athletes. May they resist the urge to hog the limelight. Remind them to work as a team. (*1 Corinthians 12:14-17*)

Show sportsmanship

Win or lose, help these athletes do it with grace and humility. May they be quick to share the credit and slow to make excuses or cast blame. Teach them to be good sports. (*Proverbs 16:18-19*)