

PRAYER DIARY

July -
September 2018

WELCOME

to the prayer diary

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sound of trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. (Psalm 150, NIV)

As you read the prayers offered up to God in the pages that follow, we pray it will help you to join with us as we praise the Lord. There is so much to praise Him for! His faithfulness during 40 years of ministry, the sanctuary He offers to the isolated athlete, His power to smash sin in the life of a fresher at university and the pure joy of young people at Sports Plus praising Him with their sporting passions during the myriad of madness that is Team Challenge! As we run, jump, cheer, coach, give, pray and... taxi! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

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GLOBAL MISSION

1 - 14 Jul

July sees the start of the third European Sports Mission (ESM), a month-long summer school for young leaders across Europe; training them in skills and values of sports mission along with many different strategies for implementing it, culminating in a 10-day mission across Europe.

Sun 1st Previous years. Give thanks for the previous two years of the ESM where 47 students from 13 countries have been trained. It's been a joy to see friendships formed cross-culturally with visits to each other, new sports mission strategies set up and leaders being bold in their faith back home.

Mon 2nd Friendships. Today, 26 18-25 years olds will fly to the European Sports Mission. Pray for friendships to form quickly across the whole group. Throughout the two teaching weeks, various teachers from across Europe will come out to teach making it a truly pan-European experience.

Tue 3rd Mission. Today, the two weeks of training begin. The group have theory and practical sessions looking at the heart values behind sports mission with tools like Bible handling and explaining the gospel. They will also learn different sports mission strategies of which camps like Sports Plus is one.

Wed 4th Witness. The training location is a site where hundreds of Christians were killed for their faith in 1655. As these young leaders are trained in how to share Christ, pray for those currently doing this in countries where it could cost them their lives.

Thu 5th Leadership. Each evening the team have leadership training. This includes training in conflict resolution, working with different personalities and how to build a strong team. Pray this would help cement relationships amongst the team as well as being useful lessons to take home.

Fri 6th Language. Pray for the number of leaders for whom English is their second language. It is a packed two weeks of training so pray for their mental strength as they translate, process and respond to everything going on. Pray for patience and kindness from native speakers to ensure they include and support their new friends.

Sat 7th Rest day. Having finished one week of their intense two-week training, pray for a great day of rest for the team today. Pray for good time processing what they have already learnt and deepening their friendships.

Sun 8th Other schools. Whilst this leadership school is going on, there are similar ones taking place around the world; a month-long gathering in Eurasia and a three-month school in South Africa. Give thanks for the chance to train and invest in these leaders and pray it would result in more people hearing and coming to Christ.

Mon 9th Second years. Today members from the 2017 group arrive to join the team ahead of going on mission with them. Pray for quick integration and for them as they receive a separate teaching stream this week.

Tue 10th Teams. Each night on this second week, the group will be split into their mission teams to prepare for next week. Pray this will be a great chance to bond and they will prepare well ahead of serving on their mission.

Wed 11th Partnerships. Give thanks for the long-standing relationships we have with those hosting the mission teams. It is a joy to serve them in their work. Pray for Manu in Romania, Igor in Macedonia, Slobodan in Serbia, David in Malta and Pedro in Portugal, who we are sending or have sent teams to previously.

Thu 12th Recap. Tonight is the final recap of all they have learnt, last-minute preparations and planning, plus a time of extended prayer and reflection for the team before they travel. Pray that the Lord uses their time away mightily in their own lives and they serve the local team well.

Fri 13th Travel. Today, the team split off to their 10 day-missions. Pray for safe travel, for humility for the team as they serve in a country where they don't speak the language, for quick cultural adaptation and an amazing experience seeing God work across Europe.

Sat 14th Debrief. As the teams return to Italy on the 24th, pray for a great final week of catching up on the missions, recapping the first two weeks, and getting ready to go back home and put in practice all they learnt.

ELITE SPORT

15 - 28 Jul

Heavy training and competition schedules take elite athletes and coaches away from home for long periods of time, meaning they can miss a lot of church teaching and church fellowship. Please join us in praying for the world of elite sport and all those within it.

Sun 15th Finals Day. Today is the last day of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, Wimbledon 2018 and Athletics World Cup London 2018. For those that come away without the title they have worked so hard to achieve, pray that the Lord would comfort them today and would remind them of who they are in Him, loved unconditionally. For those that win, pray that the Lord may protect them from pride, remembering that their talent is a gift from Him.

Mon 16th Big issues in elite youth sport. Give thanks for the resource launched earlier this year designed for parents and guardians of Young Performance Athletes (YPAs) which tackles 10 top questions about supporting their child in the world of elite sport. Pray that it continues to be helpful and challenging as they read and apply what the Bible says to their own specific situations.

Tue 17th The Open, Carnoustie. Pray for Kenny Crawford travelling to The Open golf today as he seeks to open the word of God with those competing.

Wed 18th County and international cricket. Pray for continued open doors for Andrew Wingfield Digby and the gospel. Pray for regular Bible studies with believers and seekers to be established.

Thu 19th Rugby Union. As professional players gear up for pre-season training, pray for wisdom as we look to find and support more Christians and those seeking Jesus in the world of professional rugby union.

Fri 20th London Diamond League. Thank God for the many Christians who we know of competing tomorrow. Pray tonight for this growing community of believers from many nations as they meet and encourage each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sat 21st Vitality Hockey World Cup, London 2018.

As the women's World Cup gets under way today in London, pray for the Christians we know of competing across the nations as well as for many of their teammates to come to faith. Pray too that the Christians would honour God as they play and for an opportunity for them to meet each other over the next few weeks.

Sun 22nd Professional football. Thank God for the footballers we know of who have a living faith in Jesus. Pray for them, that they would boldly live it out and speak of the hope they have in Jesus with teammates.

Mon 23rd Recently retired athletes. Retirement can be a hard and lonely transition for many athletes. Pray they would be aware of His 'everlasting arms' upholding them through this tough time. For those who don't know Christ, pray that as their identity as an athlete is stripped away, it would lead them to find their true identity in our loving Lord.

Tue 24th Tour de France. Pray for Christians competing in cycling's Tour de France. We know just a few Christians in elite cycling, pray that God would raise up more on the international circuit.

Wed 25th Leander Club Sports Quiz. Thank God that more than 40 elite rowers attended a Sports Quiz at Leander Club in March and had the opportunity to hear something of the gospel message at half time. Pray for the Christians in the room, that they would be bold and humble in their follow up with their friends.

Thu 26th ASI Ladies Scottish Open. Pray for Alison Nicholas travelling to golf's Scottish Open as she seeks to open the word of God with those competing.

Fri 27th Young Performance Athletes (YPAs). Pray that God would raise up more YPAs who are competing in elite-level sport and have a passion to make Jesus known there. Pray we would be able to make contact with them and have wisdom in knowing how best to support them.

Sat 28th Professional tennis. Pray for a regular players' Bible study to be established on both the main pro tours and for God to raise up the right people to lead them.

SPORTS PLUS

29 Jul - 11 Aug

Over the summer more than 650 young people will enjoy top-quality coaching and hear the good news about Jesus at our Sports Plus camps. Six camps take place at five different venues in what is a major highlight of our year. This year's talks and Bible studies will look at Luke's gospel with the theme 'Rescued?... by the Saviour of the world'.

Sun 29th Brecon and Belfast 1. Pray for the 200+ young people arriving this afternoon at Brecon and Belfast 1 Sports Plus. Pray they would settle well and for the 56 Team Leaders to quickly build good relationships with the young people in their teams.

Mon 30th Coaching. Pray for the seven coaching teams as they deliver their first sessions at Brecon and Belfast 1 this morning. Pray that they will build good relationships with the young people, deliver sessions that enable the young people to develop in their sport and be good witnesses for the Lord Jesus during these times.

Tue 31st Teaching. Pray for the talk series working through Luke's gospel and today as they look at the 'Act of Rescue' in Luke 23. Pray for all those speaking that they would communicate the gospel clearly and pray that God would help all the young people grapple with the truths being taught today and during the rest of the week.

Wed 1st Aug Team Meetings. Pray for all the Team Leaders delivering Bible studies each day with their teams. Pray as today they unpack Luke 19 v1-10, that the young people would engage well and God would help them understand Jesus as the seeking Saviour that they read about in God's word.

Thu 2nd Trainees. Thank God for the opportunity we have to invest in the lives of 90+ Trainees at Sports Plus this summer. Pray that the training and experience they gain will equip them for the future, both at Sports Plus and in their local church.

Fri 3rd Brecon and Belfast 1 Young People. Give thanks for Brecon and Belfast 1 Sports Plus which finish today. Pray they would finish well and that the 200+ young people who attended would continue to think through all that they have heard from the book of Luke this week and apply it to their lives as they head back home.

Sat 4th Belfast 2 and Monkton Leaders. Pray for leaders as they arrive for the training weekend at Belfast 2 and Monkton. Pray that the training over the next two days will equip them for their specific role and that they would be selfless as they serve Jesus and the young people.

Sun 5th Monkton. 2018 sees our first Sports Plus at Monkton Combe School, Bath. Pray that the 100 young people arriving today, would be welcomed well and that logistically everything would run smoothly on the new site and with school staff.

Mon 6th Belfast 2 Young People. Pray for 100 hockey and rugby players at Belfast 2 Sports Plus this week. Pray that they would actively engage in the Bible studies and that the Spirit would convict, encourage and teach them in gospel truth.

Tue 7th Main Meetings. Pray for the Main Meetings at Sports Plus where the whole camp comes together. Pray that the young people would engage in all aspects of the meeting and that the teaching in Luke's gospel would be faithful and relevant. This morning, they are looking at Luke 5 and 'The right response to rescue'.

Wed 8th Perth. Praise God for the young people, Leaders and Trainees who attended Perth Sports Plus. Pray they would remember everything that they learnt during the week in Luke's gospel and seek to apply it to their daily lives back in their sports teams and clubs at home.

Thu 9th Leaders. Praise God for the team of over 350 Team Leaders, Coaches and Support Staff who have given up their time to serve across the six Sports Plus camps this summer. Pray they will be encouraged and equipped to live boldly for Christ in their local context.

Fri 10th Belfast 2 and Monkton Young People. Give thanks for Belfast 2 and Monkton Sports Plus which finish today. Pray they would finish well and that the 200 young people would continue to think through all that they have heard from the book of Luke and seek to live it out as they head back home.

Sat 11th Repton. Pray for the 140+ leaders as they receive training today and tomorrow to equip them for their specific roles and make final preparations ahead of the 207 young people arriving tomorrow afternoon. Pray that God will use the teaching from Luke's gospel mightily all week.

BIG PRAYERS

12 - 25 Aug

We read in Ephesians 3 v 20-21 that God can do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”, so let’s pray big. As we look ahead, please join us in praying for the long-term aims of different areas of the work, that we would depend on God in everything.

Sun 12th Young Performance Athletes gatherings.

Throughout the year YPAs and their parents and guardians from different sports and locations meet to share experiences and encourage one another. Pray particularly for those who are gathering together in Repton today as they chat, pray for each other and hear from God’s word.

Mon 13th Universities. Pray that God will open the eyes of at least one sportsperson at every university in the UK and cause them to deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Jesus as Lord.

Tue 14th Bursaries. Praise God for the 99 partners who have given towards the Sports Plus young people’s bursary to date this year. We ask that the young people would have been mightily impacted by their time at Sports Plus. Going forward, we pray God would raise up more partners who love Sports Plus to consider supporting the two bursaries on offer: Young People’s and Leadership and Coaching.

Wed 15th Sustainable mission. By 2020, we long to see leaders in 300 towns and cities across the UK and globally, serving to reach the world of sport for Christ in their local area. Please pray that God would raise up more leaders to carry this out.

Thu 16th European Christian Sports Union (ECSU).

The ECSU launches a new three-year plan in January 2019. Praise God the success of the last plan and the growth of sports mission across Europe. Pray as this new one looks to develop sustainable mission off the back of various sports mission events, that it would create lasting fruit for the Lord.

Fri 17th Sports Plus 2018. Today is the final day of Sports Plus 2018! As we have worked through the book of Luke, pray that as young people, Leaders and Trainees heard the gospel truth, there would be a new wonder, acceptance and joy in the rescue mission of the Lord Jesus to all those present.

Sat 18th Guest events. Tens of thousands of sportspeople hear the gospel every year through attending Christians in Sport guest events. Every time the gospel is proclaimed this coming year, pray it may it return much fruit.

Sun 19th Netball. Over the last few years we have been praying for God to raise up Christians in international netball. At the Commonwealth Games, eight netballers from three nations met to encourage each other in God's word. Pray that the Lord would provide opportunities to foster this community ahead of the 2019 World Cup in Liverpool.

Mon 20th Universities. Pray that God will cause a fresh hunger towards the gospel to sweep across university sports clubs in a way that we've never seen before! Pray that Christians in these clubs will be ready to guide their friends in the truth of God's word and lead them to trust in Jesus.

Tue 21st Fundraising. The Partner Relations Team are passionate about finding new partners and serving brilliantly those who commit financially to support the work. Pray with us to do just that as we seek to raise an additional £225k this year.

Wed 22nd Churches. The summer holidays often see churches planning for the academic year ahead. Pray that many would seek to put on guest events for sportspeople to come under the sound of the gospel and that these would lead to new life in Him.

Thu 23rd European conference. Pray for the preparation for a European conference for competitors planned for October. This will be for players, coaches and others involved in the world of sport where we will train and network them to reach their world of sport for Christ.

Fri 24th Sports Plus. Pray for young people who attended Sports Plus who don't yet trust in Jesus, that their eyes would have been opened to their need of Him. And pray for those who are Christians, that they would have grown in Christ and left better equipped to represent Him in their sport.

Sat 25th Digital and social media. The rapidly developing digital and social media world has expanded the number of opportunities to communicate and share content. Pray for wisdom for us to develop the right resources and that the gospel message gets through as a result.

WHO AM I P

When praying, we often dive into the requests we have of God rather than spending time in praise and adoration of God for who He is and what He has done in Christ.

Have a look at this Bible study, adapted from our second Pray Play Say book, where we see Jesus' example of prayer and are reminded that God is a personal and loving Father.

Read Matthew 7 v 7-11

When Jesus teaches His disciples to pray in Matthew 6 v 9, He starts with 'Our Father in heaven'. What do you think it tells us about God's relationship with us that Jesus wants us to call him 'Father'?

It has been said that the essence of prayer is not so much 'requests' but 'reorientation'. Prayer is as much about reminding ourselves of who we are in relation to God as it is about asking for things - God is our Heavenly Father and we are His beloved children.

When you pray, do you spend time just in praise and adoration of God for who He is and what He has done in Christ, or do you dive in to your requests?

From the verses, what confidence can you draw from the reality that, if you are in Christ, God is your Father in heaven?

PRAYING TO?

Jesus promises that God wants to give us 'good gifts'; as it says in Romans 8 v 32: 'He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?' Often He wants us to wait on Him in prayer, rather than giving them to us straight away. Sometimes He may not give us what we ask for because in His sovereignty it is not a 'good gift', but God's goodness is never in doubt.

What do you think are the differences between 'asking', 'seeking' and 'knocking'?

Sometimes when we've been praying for a while for something and it does not seem as if God has answered, we can feel that He is distant. However, in this passage Jesus reassures us that God is a personal and loving Father - so ask, seek, and knock!

Spend some time in prayer:

1. Praise God for the wonder that through Christ He has become your loving Father in heaven.
2. Pray to your Father in heaven about those friends that you long to see coming to Christ.
3. Have you got a particular concern regarding your sport at the moment - perhaps an injury or a difficult relationship in the club? Bring it to God in prayer.

CHURCHES

26 Aug - 8 Sep

Please join us in giving thanks for the hundreds of churches we partner with up and down the UK, committing them and their leaders to God as we share the gospel together. This fortnight's prayers cover just a few of these churches, giving us specific ways we can be praying for their outreach to local clubs and teams.

Sun 26th Ballysally Presbyterian Church, Northern Ireland. Pray for those who ran a community football outreach week in June. Praise God for opportunities to engage with local young footballers and for the match played on the Friday evening. Pray God would continue to enable the church to use sport as a way of connecting with local footballers in the area.

Mon 27th Dundonald Church, London. Praise God for the Sports Network WhatsApp group that has been active in sharing prayer requests for people in their world of sport. Pray that they might be able to find a regular time to meet monthly. Praise God for the event hosted around the recent football World Cup.

Tue 28th Jesmond Parish Church and St Joseph's Benwell, Newcastle. Pray for all those engaged in the world of sport across these two churches. As the new season starts, pray that each individual would be salt and light in their teams, and that God would open many doors for the gospel.

Wed 29th Christian Sports Network, Watford. Pray for a Sports Quiz being held on 11th October. May sportspeople across Watford's churches be bold in inviting teammates to hear of the One who offers a fresh start and secure foundation - something that sporting success or friendships can never provide.

Thu 30th Scottish churches. Thank God for the 20+ churches in Scotland that sent leaders to serve at Sports Plus this summer. As these leaders have returned home, pray that they might be excited about living out the vision themselves but also about passing it on to others in their churches involved in clubs and teams.

Fri 31st Plymouth churches. Pray for churches in the Plymouth area as they put into action all they discussed at Plymouth Clubhouse in May and as they plan a Sports Quiz in the autumn to help reach local sportspeople.

Sat 1st Sep Newtownbreda Baptist Church, Northern Ireland. Praise God for the sports quiz and sports tournament held in March, and for the tag rugby tournament in June. Pray that those who heard the gospel message at those events would come to know Christ through the faithful witness of teammates and friends in sport.

Sun 2nd St Michael's, Chester Square, London. Give thanks for the sportspeople at St Michael's. Pray for those involved in clubs to get stuck in and for all to build relationships with sportspeople whatever context they're in.

Mon 3rd 21st Century Church, Llanelli. Pray that the Christians who play sport will continue to connect with people in their sport and be bold in sharing the gospel so that others are able to be impacted by the amazing news of Jesus. Pray that as a church they will see more sportspeople come and be part of His kingdom.

Tue 4th Abingdon sports prayer group. Give thanks for the small group of sportspeople who have recently started gathering to pray together. Pray that these times of mutual encouragement and honest accountability would help keep them patient and persistent in their prayers for teammates.

Wed 5th Carnoustie Churches Together. Praise God for the opportunity that churches in and around Carnoustie had to use The Open as a way of engaging with the local sports community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus after attending youth dodgeball events, a sports quiz and a sports dinner.

Thu 6th Pip 'n' Jay, Bristol. Please pray boldness for church members in local rugby, lacrosse, hockey, rowing and running clubs as they try to live and speak for Jesus. Pray for momentum as a group as they support each other to do so.

Fri 7th Maidenhead Sports Network. Pray for those who are taking a lead role in envisioning Christian sportspeople across Maidenhead churches to get stuck into local clubs and teams and share Christ there.

Sat 8th Inspire Saint James Clerkenwell, London. Praise God for the number of sportspeople at this church, and for the Sports Quiz hosted in March where many guests could hear the gospel. As a new season begins, pray that they would continue to share the gospel and life with their sports friends.

STUDENTS

9 - 22 Sep

University sport provides a fantastic opportunity for the gospel to be lived out boldly and spoken of courageously by Christians involved in sport. Join us in praying for all areas of our student work as we expectantly ask God to continue to save many lives through the good news of His Son.

Sun 9th Events weeks. Praise God for the opportunity we had to proclaim the truth of God's word at events weeks in Bath and Edinburgh universities last year. Pray ahead to the Cardiff Universities Events Week, which we are supporting this term and ask God to have mercy on many lives and cause their hearts to turn to Jesus.

Mon 10th Leaders. Thank God for our University Group leaders and pray that they will be motivated by a heart for the lost sportspeople in their university. Pray that this will drive them to boldly lead by example and encourage others in their group throughout the year.

Tue 11th Freshers. Pray for first year students as they start at their new universities. Ask God to give them the courage to profess to being a follower of Jesus from day one. Pray that they can settle into a church quickly and live for Christ throughout their time in university.

Wed 12th Bible studies. Praise God for the opportunity two rugby players had last year to run a series of Bible studies with their rugby team. Pray that this will happen across many universities this term and ask God to equip the students with all they need to set forth the truth plainly.

Thu 13th University Groups. Thank God for the Christians in Sport University Groups that meet weekly across 35 universities. Pray that their time together will be immensely encouraging as they pray for their teammates and spur one another on in the mission of making disciples of Jesus.

Fri 14th Worship. Pray that more Christian students will see the opportunity they have to use their God given abilities to play sport whilst at university. Pray that they would worship God as they compete and faithfully witness to those in their sports clubs and teams.

Sat 15th Support. Thank God for the opportunity Christians in Sport staff and Interns have to support and invest in student sportspeople across the UK. Pray that God will use the team powerfully this year to fulfil His good plans and purposes in the lives of students we come into contact with.

Sun 16th Church invites. Praise God for the opportunity a footballer from Bath university had to take 11 of her teammates to church last season. Pray that students would get into the habit of inviting their friends to church each week and then be ready to help their friends to explore Jesus further.

Mon 17th Graduates. Pray for students who graduated this summer and have moved onto their next stage of life. Pray that they will remain firm in their faith, find a new church and continue in the mission of reaching the world of sport for Christ in their new town or city.

Tue 18th Dialogue Dinners. Praise God for the many Dialogue Dinners (where guests discuss questions of faith over a meal) that took place last year. Pray that these meals will lead many student sportspeople to put their faith in Christ in the year to come.

Wed 19th Clubhouse Xtra. Thank God for the many years we have been able to hold a student conference. Pray ahead to Clubhouse Xtra 2019. Pray that many student sportspeople will be equipped to run their race of faith with perseverance and pray for fruitful gospel proclamation in the weeks that follow.

Thu 20th Initiations. Pray for Christian students involved in sports club initiations and welcome socials. Pray the freshers will not compromise their faith but rather stand tall for Jesus, whilst finding a way to still be a part of their new sports club.

Fri 21st Older students. Pray for older students involved in the facilitation of their club initiations. Pray that they can be distinct in loving the freshers throughout the night and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in how best to be involved themselves.

Sat 22nd Partnership. Thank God for the many ministries seeking to reach students with the gospel. Pray for faithful partnership between Christians in Sport and other student ministries. Pray against areas where the devil might cause division and ask God to glorify His name through the unity and work of these ministries.

THANKSGIVING

23 - 29 Sep

Since all our blessings flow from God, we have much to be grateful for. This week, let us praise and thank God for all He has been doing in the world of sport

Sun 23rd Commonwealth Games 2018. Thank God for the remarkable way He answered prayers and opened doors at the Games over Easter. Praise God for the great number of one-to-one and group Bible studies that were had with Christians and people of peace competing across many nations.

Mon 24th Churches. Thank God for the many churches who encourage and support their students who play sport whilst at university. Thank God for the relationships we have with these churches and pray that we can connect with more churches across university towns and cities in the UK.

Tue 25th Partners. We are so thankful for the hundreds of partners who pray, give and serve. We thank God for the privilege of sharing the unchanged vision with so many at our Partner Evenings across the UK and one-to-one. All glory to God!

Wed 26th Sport. Isn't sport amazing? The drama of competition, the camaraderie that exists within sports teams and clubs, the enjoyment that comes from exercising our minds and bodies. Even if you are not currently playing, why not take some time today to think about the reasons you enjoy sport and give thanks to the One who made it!

Thu 27th European Sports Mission. Thank God for the time to invest in our key demographic of 18-25 year olds through the European Sports Mission. Getting a month to invest in these lives is a great opportunity to help train future leaders who we pray will be bold disciples wherever they end up.

Fri 28th Sports Plus. Praise God that over 650 young people, 350 Team Leaders and 90 Trainees attended the six Sports Plus camps this summer and heard gospel truth taught from the book of Luke. Give thanks for all that happened over the six weeks and that many lives would have been transformed.

Sat 29th Sports Mission Pack. Thank God for all those who have downloaded the Sports Mission Pack this year and for the many opportunities to reach sportspeople with the gospel this has led to.

YOUR SPORTS FRIENDS

Why don't you write down the name of three of your sports friends who you can commit to praying for in the next few months? Use this as a prompt in your daily prayers.



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When could we pray for sport at our church?

This totally depends on your church, but here are just a few ideas:

1. Ask to use a slot in one of your monthly prayer meetings.
2. Run a sports prayer evening.
3. Include a few lines in your weekly intercession prayers.
4. Feature a sports prayer in your church's prayer diary.

What could we pray for?

1. Sportspeople in your congregation

Find out who plays sport in your congregation and which clubs/teams they play for. Pray that God would help them to play in a way that honours Him and to give them opportunities to speak about Him with their friends.

2. Local sports clubs in your community

Do some research to find out who your local sports clubs are. Here are two websites that may help - sports-clubs.net and sportengland.org/research - which include lots of stats and figures on who is playing sport in your area. Pray that God would raise up Christians in these clubs to represent Him and that people that don't know Him would come to explore Christianity for themselves.



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3. Sports activities to engage with your community

Maybe you're planning to run an event to invite sportspeople to? If so, pray that God would use it mightily. Maybe you don't know where to start with engaging with your local sports community? Pray for ideas and wisdom. There is lots of information and advice on running events in our Sports Mission Pack, including tips on hosting a prayer gathering and some great Bible verses to look at. Download the pack for free at sportsmissionpack.co.uk.

4. Pray for sports events coming up

Head to the BBC's Sports Calendar to find out what major events are coming up. Pray for the event, for the Christians competing, for safety, for opportunities for churches to engage with it and anything else you think needs prayer.

5. Pray for sports ministries

There are lots of organisations who are reaching and serving the world of sport. Pick a few to pray for from the Sports Ministry UK website uksportsministries.org or share this prayer diary.

Download it online

Visit christiansinsport.org.uk/pray to download a PDF of this prayer diary.

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