



# ***PRAYER DIARY***

**NOVEMBER 2019 – MARCH 2020**

We give great thanks to God for His work in the world of sport. Join us in praising Him for the opportunities to encourage, equip and make Jesus known amongst sportspeople over the last few months.

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## NOVEMBER

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### 10<sup>TH</sup>

**Hope:** Praise God for the hope that He has given all nations by sending His son Jesus. Pray for the 'nation' of sport, that God would give sportspeople soft hearts and opportunities to hear and respond to this gospel of hope.

### 11<sup>TH</sup>

**Young Performance Athlete (YPA) parent gatherings:** Praise God for the YPA parent gatherings which have been held in the past year with the purpose of meeting others in similar situations and encouraging one another. Give thanks for the connections that have been made and the ongoing support that brings.

### 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Scotland Mission week:** Praise God for the Scotland Mission week last Spring where schools work, two evangelism training events and eight guest events for sportspeople took place over five days.

### 13<sup>TH</sup>

**World Student Games:** Praise God for the two Christians at the World Student Games last July as part of Team GB. Pray that their mutual encouragement and prayer meetings during the Games will have been of great witness to their teammates and fellow competitors.

14<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Plus leaders:** Praise God for the team of nearly 400 leaders who led at Sports Plus 2019. Praise Him for their willingness to give their time to share the gospel with young sportspeople.

15<sup>TH</sup>

**YPA Bible studies:** Praise God for the Bible studies which take place with YPAs either individually or in a group, as mentors seek to encourage them in their faith and point them to Jesus as they play their sport.

16<sup>TH</sup>

**Students saved:** Praise the Lord for stories of salvation amongst university sport students, like a cricketer in Durham who trusted Christ after the witness of a Christian teammate and other friends.

The world of elite sport can be tough for Christians, with many sportspeople struggling with performance pressure and time away from home and church. Pray with us for the work of Christians in Sport to support these athletes and to share the gospel with those in this environment who don't yet know Jesus.

## NOVEMBER

17<sup>TH</sup>

**Track and field:** Praise God for the growing number of believers within this world, and for the increasing sense of community when at major sports events. Pray that believers would stand firm with the pressure of competition, and to be rooted and established in God's Word.

18<sup>TH</sup>

**Young performance athletes:** Give thanks for the opportunity to support many young athletes on performance pathways across a range of sports. Pray that they would grow in dependence on Christ as they read God's Word, and this would help them in maintaining perspective as they compete.

19<sup>TH</sup>

**Football:** Pray that believers within the top tiers of English football would stay rooted in Christ as they face the pressures that come from playing at this level. Pray that Christians in Sport might find believers in more of the Premier League sides.

20<sup>TH</sup>

**Golf:** Give thanks for the growing sense of community on the European Tour and the Ladies PGA Tour this year. Pray for opportunities for more Bible Studies on these tours this year.

21<sup>ST</sup>

**Rugby:** Pray for Peter Browne as he seeks to meet Christians within the elite world of rugby. Pray for players he meets to be encouraged and built up as they read God's Word together.

22<sup>ND</sup>

**Tokyo Olympics:** Pray that Julia Wilkinson and Graham Daniels would have the opportunity to serve as chaplains for the Tokyo Olympics. Pray that they might be able to go and serve the athletes in this pressured environment, encouraging Christians to stay rooted in Christ and pointing those who don't know Jesus to the gospel.

23<sup>RD</sup>

**National Governing Bodies:** Pray for those Christians who serve on governing bodies, that they might honour Christ as they do so.

24<sup>TH</sup>

**Coaches:** Pray for those coaches we know across a range of elite sports as they live and speak for Jesus in their coaching contexts. Pray that they would remain reliant on Him and His Word.

25<sup>TH</sup>

**Tennis:** Give thanks for the core of coaches and players that staff were able to meet prior to several Grand Slam events this year to be encouraged from God's Word. Pray that God would continue to grow this community of believers.

26<sup>TH</sup>

**Northern Irish Football:** Pray that a core group of players from each of the four regions would start meeting regularly for Bible studies over the next year.

27<sup>TH</sup>

**Netball:** Give thanks for believers within several of the Vitality Super League teams. Pray that they may encourage one another as they compete over the next few months to be in salt and light in these tough environments.

28<sup>TH</sup>

**Hockey:** Give thanks for those players we know competing in their national squads and within Premier Leagues. Pray that they would be salt and light as they compete this season.

29<sup>TH</sup>

**Disability sport:** Pray for the opportunity to find more Christians and seekers within elite disability sport in 2020. Praise God for the Christians and seekers we know of, and for trust and relationships to grow between them and staff supporting them. Pray for the Lord to give them a hunger to read His Word.

30<sup>TH</sup>

**Rowing:** Give thanks for the core of believers competing at the elite level. Pray that they will be bold in inviting friends to events in the run up to Christmas.

At Christians in Sport we are committed to supporting the growth of sports ministries in the UK and beyond. Pray with us for work around the world to create local, sustainable mission to reach sportspeople with the gospel.

## DECEMBER

1<sup>ST</sup>

**New university initiatives:** Pray for the new initiative this year to establish a European-wide university sports ministry, starting groups where sports-playing students can meet together and spur one another on to live and speak for Christ in their teams.

2<sup>ND</sup>

**Partnerships:** Pray for new partnerships across Europe especially with IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) and the organisations governing and supporting Christian university groups in different countries.

3<sup>RD</sup>

**Revive conference:** Pray for the amazing opportunities at the IFES Revive conference in Germany over New Year (27 December - 1 January) with 5,000 expected attendees. Pray for staff as they run seminars on reaching the world of sport for Christ as well as running all the sport for the event.

4<sup>TH</sup>

**Multiply reunion:** Pray for the reunion of Multiply Summer School graduates at our student conference, Clubhouse Xtra. Pray that it will be a really encouraging and fruitful time.

5<sup>TH</sup>

**Go Sport Europe conference:** Pray for the Go Sport European competitors conference being planned for May 2020. Pray that we see a good group of Christian athletes from across Europe come together to be better equipped and encouraged.

6<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise for growth:** Give thanks for the work across Europe, for growing momentum, new initiatives, and more sportspeople catching the vision of reaching their world of sport for Christ. Praise God for growing numbers of leaders who are sharing Jesus on the frontlines in clubs, churches and universities.

Join us as we lift up churches in prayer this week. Praise God for His good gift of the local church, and pray for partnerships with many churches seeking to reach local clubs and support sportspeople within their congregations.

## DECEMBER

8<sup>TH</sup>

**Christmas events:** Pray that many sportspeople would come under the sound of the gospel at carol services and other Christmas related events run by churches across the UK this Christmas.

9<sup>TH</sup>

**Rugby World Cup events:** Pray for churches who have used the Sports Mission Pack in relation to the Rugby World Cup in September and October. Pray that crucial follow up conversations would be had with those who came to events.

10<sup>TH</sup>

**Jesmond Parish Church mission:** Pray for Jesmond Parish Church, Newcastle who held a series of guest events focused towards sports people over a weekend in October. Pray that these would bear much fruit.

11<sup>TH</sup>

**Sunday sport tension:** Pray for churches who feel the tension between Sunday sport and Sunday services. Pray for honest and open conversations between church leaders and parents/guardians and for both parties' main goal to be bringing glory to God.

12<sup>TH</sup>

**Sportspeople in congregations:** Thank God for churches who have Christian sportspeople in their congregations. Thank God for the increasing number of mini prayer meetings between Christian sportspeople in these churches as they ask God for boldness and clarity to speak of Him.

13<sup>TH</sup>

**Church engagement:** Pray that Christian sportspeople would be stuck in, rooted and serving their local church with the gifts that God has given them.

14<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Mission Pack:** Pray that many churches would use the Sports Mission Pack in 2020 as they seek to engage local sports clubs and teams with the gospel.

God has been very kind in His provision and blessings over the last year. Join us in giving thanks for all He has done and is doing in the world of sport.

## DECEMBER

15<sup>TH</sup>

**Scottish leaders:** Thank God for leaders across Scotland who have gathered Christian sportspeople in their churches to pray for the sports clubs in their towns and cities this year.

16<sup>TH</sup>

**Newcastle events:** Thank God for the opportunity to serve churches and Christians in Newcastle over three days in October. Pray that God used the church sermons, a dodgeball tournament and a sports quiz to reach many sportspeople with the gospel.

17<sup>TH</sup>

**Gospel partnership:** Give thanks for the healthy relationships we have with churches and other student ministries. Pray that we can encourage and support one another in the overall mission of making disciples of students in the UK and Europe.

18<sup>TH</sup>

**University group leaders:** Give thanks for university group leaders who faithfully lead their groups each week. Pray that God will continue to use them in encouraging Christians to stand firm in their sport, motivating them to keep building relationships and boldly sharing their faith in their sports clubs.

19<sup>TH</sup>

**Bath events week:** Give thanks for the opportunity to support Bath University Christian Union in their events week in February. Pray that the Student team and interns will serve the students faithfully all week. Pray that many sports-playing students will trust Christ as a result of the events and conversations that take place.

20<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Plus 2019:** Give thanks for the 748 young people who attended Sports Plus 2019 and heard gospel truth from Mark and Colossians. Pray that they would still be thinking through Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?".

21<sup>ST</sup>

**YPAs at Sports Plus:** Give thanks for YPAs who attended Sports Plus last summer, and the opportunity to learn more about Jesus and explore how their faith affects their sport.

As we look ahead to 2020, there are many things we would love to see happen among sportspeople for God's glory. Please join us in praying bold and big prayers for the coming year.

## DECEMBER

22<sup>ND</sup>

**Student salvation:** Pray that God would mercifully open the eyes of a student in every university sports club this year! That's around clubs covering 50 sports competing in approximately 170 universities and colleges.

23<sup>RD</sup>

**Student workers:** Pray that God would send workers into every university sports club across the UK to live out their faith and proclaim the good news of Jesus.

24<sup>TH</sup>

**Scottish sportspeople:** Ask God to raise up a movement of Christians in sports clubs across Dundee, East Kilbride and Paisley. Pray that this will result in many sportspeople coming to events and hearing about Jesus.

25<sup>TH</sup>

**Happy Christmas:** Praise God for His amazing rescue plan in sending Jesus to die for us! Pray for sportspeople around the world to come to hear about this gift of salvation and for them to receive it for themselves this Christmas.

26<sup>TH</sup>

**Dublin Sports Plus:** Summer 2020 sees our second Sports Plus camp take place at St Columba's College, Dublin. Pray that young sportspeople across Ireland would hear about Sports Plus for the first time and attend this summer.

27<sup>TH</sup>

**Trainee coaches:** Pray that God would raise up more Trainee coaches at Sports Plus 2020 who can be equipped to be future coaches at Sports Plus and to live for Christ as a coach in their local club or team.

28<sup>TH</sup>

**Financial provision:** Praise God for His provision of generous financial partners, and pray for more regular givers to fund the work. Pray that we would be able to grow this base significantly to secure the ministry of Christians in Sport for years to come.

29<sup>TH</sup>

**Resources engagement:** Pray for the team building and communicating resources which help sportspeople play and speak for Jesus in their teams. Pray that the engagement and reach of these resources would sky-rocket this year so that sportspeople become better equipped.

30<sup>TH</sup>

**London leaders:** Praise God for the meeting of London leaders last November and pray for growth of the work in this city following this meeting. Pray for many connections to be made with partners and for people to go back into sports teams and clubs to reach them for Jesus.

31<sup>ST</sup>

**Coaches:** Pray that more Christians would take up coaching roles at sports clubs. Ask God to use a new generation of Christian coaches to influence and reach sportspeople with the gospel as a result of their role.

# JANUARY

**1<sup>ST</sup>**

**40<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** Praise the Lord for the way He has blessed and sustained Christians in Sport over the last 40 years. Pray for more partners to support the work and for more sportspeople to live out the vision in 2020 and for the next 40 years.

**2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Clubhouse Xtra:** Praise God for the hundreds of sportspeople attending this student conference in Northern Ireland, Scotland and England over the next three days. Pray for boldness in their university teams as they apply what was taught at the conference, and for thousands of students to hear the gospel in the coming terms.

**3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Major tournaments:** Pray for favour among organising committees, that the acceptance of chaplaincy and accreditation applications would be granted. Pray that many elite athletes at these major events would then come to know Jesus through Christian witness at competitions.

**4<sup>TH</sup>**

**Prayer partners:** Pray for the exponential growth of those accessing prayer resources, that more and more people would be holding up Christians in Sport in prayer and that God would grow the work significantly through these partnerships.

# UNIVERSITY/STUDENTS

We are thankful for the opportunity to invest in Christian students seeking to reach the world of university sport for Jesus. Pray with us for their encouragement and training to do this well as they play and speak for Him in their teams.

# JANUARY

**5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Clubhouse Xtra 2020:** Praise God for our student conference Clubhouse Xtra 2020 which finished yesterday. Pray that every student who attended will return to university with a renewed desire to share the gospel with their sports friends.

**6<sup>TH</sup>**

**University groups:** Give thanks for the 70 university groups that meet each week to pray together and spur one another on in the mission of reaching their sports friends with the gospel. Pray that each meeting will be useful and empowering as the read Gods word and discuss their witness.

**7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Evangelistic events:** Evangelistic sports events act as a great catalyst for conversations about Jesus. Give thanks for the hundreds of students who have attended a Sports Quiz or dodgeball tournament already this year. Pray too that more will take place this term, causing many to investigate the gospel for themselves.

**8<sup>TH</sup>**

**Student athletes:** Pray for Christian students as they seek to shine brightly for Jesus at socials with their clubs and teams. Ask God to enable them to hold firmly to the word of life, and through their actions and words to proclaim Jesus as Lord.

9<sup>TH</sup>

**Dialogue dinners:** Give thanks for students who have held dialogue dinners for their teams this year. Pray that God has used these meals to build relationships and break barriers to the gospel. Pray that more students will hold dinners and follow up with interested teammates over the next two terms.

10<sup>TH</sup>

**Student team staff:** Pray for the Student team and interns as they travel around the UK seeking to encourage and support students in their evangelism to sports friends. Pray that God will use them as they run group meetings, meet students 121 and host guest events.

11<sup>TH</sup>

**Boldness in identity:** Praise the Lord for students who have started university this year and unashamedly told their sports friends about being a Christian. And praise God for His grace and mercy that even those who have struggled or failed can find forgiveness and strength through Christ to stand tall and profess their faith in Christ.

12<sup>TH</sup>

**Opening the Bible:** Thank God that His word is “alive and active...penetrating soul and spirit”. Ask God to provide opportunities for Christian students to read His word with their sports friends.

13<sup>TH</sup>

**Injured students:** Pray for students who have sustained injuries this year which have prevented them from competing in their sport. Pray that they will trust God in their frustration, stay committed to their sports club, and pray that their faith in God will be evident to all and provoke conversations about Christ.

14<sup>TH</sup>

**Christian captains:** Thank God for the opportunity Christian students have to captain their university sports clubs. Pray that every captain will serve their sports clubs with commitment and perseverance, and pray that their friends will see their good deeds and ask questions about their faith.

15<sup>TH</sup>

**Churches supporting students:** Give thanks for churches who teach students God’s Word and encourage them in sharing the gospel. Pray that Christians in Sport can strengthen and develop their relationships with these churches, so that more sport students will come to faith in Jesus and attend churches for themselves.

16<sup>TH</sup>

**Final year students:** Pray that final year students can maximise the time they have left to boldly share Christ with their sports friends. And pray that they can trust God with their studies, friendships and future plans as they prepare to move on.

17<sup>TH</sup>

**Missions planning:** Pray for the Student team as they decide on the 2020-2021 mission weeks. Pray that God would lead them towards investing in the right universities in this way and it will result in many university sport students coming under the sound of the gospel.

18<sup>TH</sup>

**Investing in friendships:** Pray that students involved in sport can love their friends so much that they are prepared to share the gospel and their lives with them. Pray this sacrificial investment in their friendships will result in many sport students investigating the gospel for themselves.

We lift up the work in England this week, committing leaders, resources and events to the Lord. Pray with us for much fruit as we seek to make Christ known among English sportspeople who don't yet trust in Him.

## JANUARY

19<sup>TH</sup>

**Rugby World Cup events:** Give thanks for the many sportspeople that heard the gospel at Rugby World Cup events hosted by churches across England.

20<sup>TH</sup>

**Mission field of sport:** Praise God for the massive mission field of sport across England, with 10 million people playing each week. Pray for boldness and strength for the many Christian sportspeople that are coming alongside these players on pitches, courts and side lines across the country.

21<sup>ST</sup>

**Guest events:** Please pray for the guest events planned in many churches and sports clubs and teams this term. Pray that many sportspeople would be invited and would attend, that God would soften their hearts, and that they would hear and respond to the gospel.

22<sup>ND</sup>

**Clubhouse autumn events:** Give thanks for the Clubhouse training events which took place across England in the autumn term and for the many Christian sportspeople who were equipped to live for Jesus in their sport.

23<sup>RD</sup>

**Boldness in evangelism:** Please pray for more opportunities for Christians in sports clubs across England to share the Good News of Jesus with their teammates.

24<sup>TH</sup>

**Partnerships in the work:** Praise God for individuals across the country who are passionate about reaching the world of sport for Christ. Praise Him that they are seeking to gather and equip others to do the same and pray that many encouragements would come from these relationships.

25<sup>TH</sup>

**Churches in England:** Please pray that more churches in England would be intentional in seeking to reach sportspeople who don't know Jesus.

Praise God for His provision and blessing as we seek to reach Welsh sports clubs and teams with the gospel. Pray with us for God to sustain and expand the work among sportspeople here for His glory.

26<sup>TH</sup>

**Guest events in Wales:** Give thanks for the guest events that were held across Wales last year, with many sportspeople hearing the good news of Jesus being proclaimed.

27<sup>TH</sup>

**Church relationships:** Give thanks for the sportspeople and churches that we have relationships with across Wales and for their heart to see the sporting world reached for Jesus.

28<sup>TH</sup>

**Training opportunities:** Praise God for the opportunity over the next three months to get Christian sportspeople together and envision, equip and encourage them in sports mission.

29<sup>TH</sup>

**Elite Welsh athletes:** Praise God for the elite sportspeople who are in teams across Wales living for Jesus and sharing Him with others.

30<sup>TH</sup>

**Rugby World Cup work:** Praise God for His use of coaches from Wales who travelled to help with rugby clinics and outreach events during the Rugby World Cup. Pray for their work to bear fruit in the communities, churches and clubs they encountered and served in Japan.

31<sup>ST</sup>

**Welsh regional staff:** Pray for Christians in Sport staff working in Wales, for energy and discipline in their work. Pray for them as they come alongside Welsh sportspeople and encourage them to reach their teams for Christ.

1<sup>ST</sup>

**Coaches and officials:** Praise God for the Welsh coaches and officials we know of who are trusting in Jesus. Pray that they might grow in their love and knowledge of Him and that God might give them courage to share their faith in their sporting contexts.

Every summer hundreds of young sports people attend Sports Plus to improve in their sport and explore what it means to play and live for Jesus in their teams or clubs. Join us in praying for these camps, that they might run well and help young sportspeople come to put their faith in Christ and grow as Christian sports players.

## FEBRUARY

2<sup>ND</sup>

**Leaders:** Praise God for the team of nearly 400 leaders who led at Sports Plus 2019. Pray that God would raise up more leaders to fill every role across each camp this summer and that many who led in 2019 would return this summer and bring new leaders with them.

3<sup>RD</sup>

**Sports Plus Bookings:** Bookings for Sports Plus 2020 open today for young people. Pray that every space at each camp would be filled by a young sports player who wants to explore more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian in sport.

4<sup>TH</sup>

**Teaching:** Pray for all those who will open the Bible at Sports Plus this summer. Pray that the leaders would be faithful in preparation and that the teaching would be understood and applied by every young person.

5<sup>TH</sup>

**Trainee Programme:** The Trainee programme is a training opportunity for young leaders; developing their leadership potential and helping them live out their faith in their sport. Pray that many young leaders will apply to be Trainees at Sports Plus 2020 and, through the training received, develop into future Team Leaders and coaches.

6<sup>TH</sup>

**Bursary Fund:** The Sports Plus Bursary Fund enables young people and leaders who are financially restricted to attend Sports Plus. Praise God for all those who have given to the Bursary Fund over the last 9 years and pray that this summer it would enable even more young people and leaders to attend.

7<sup>TH</sup>

**Practicalities:** Pray that all the practical preparations, including bookings, applications, liaising with venues, safeguarding and general administration, for Sports Plus 2020 would run efficiently over the coming months and lead into the smooth running of all camps this summer.

8<sup>TH</sup>

**Young people:** Pray for young people who don't yet trust in Jesus; that their eyes would be opened to their need of Him. And for those who are Christians, please pray that they would grow in Christ and leave Sports Plus better equipped to represent Him in their sport.

We lift up the world of Scottish sport in prayer this week. Pray with us for the growth of the work there as sportspeople continue to worship God as they play and speak of Christ within their clubs and teams.

## FEBRUARY

9<sup>TH</sup>

**Graduates in Scotland:** Thank God for the many graduates who have moved to Scotland and continued to make sport their mission. Ask God to continue to help them settle in church, work and their sport.

10<sup>TH</sup>

**Clubhouse events:** Give thanks for the nine Clubhouse evangelism training evenings that took place last term. Pray that many people across Scotland were equipped to be Christians in their sport.

11<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Quizzes:** Pray for the Sports Quizzes planned this term across Scotland. Pray that Christians will bring sports friends and many will come to faith in Christ.

12<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Plus Xtra Scotland:** Today is Sports Plus Xtra where young people will come together to explore more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian sports player. Pray for a great time and for a transforming work in each of the Young People.

13<sup>TH</sup>

**Church connections:** Give thanks for the churches who partner with Christians in Sport across Scotland. Pray that the staff team and interns can serve these churches well, whilst building more relationships with new churches.

## SCOTLAND

9TH - 15TH FEBRUARY

14<sup>TH</sup>

**Dialogue dinners:** Pray for adult dialogue dinners to happen across Scotland this year. Pray that Christians can hold a meal for their teammates and share something of their faith in Jesus.

15<sup>TH</sup>

**Partners in the work:** Ask God to raise up more partners of Christians in Sport across Scotland where people will pray, financially give, or advocate the mission of Christians in Sport to others.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

Join us in praying for the work in Northern Ireland, as God opens doors to share Christ with sportspeople across this nation.

16<sup>TH</sup>

**Clubhouse:** Give thanks for the five Clubhouse training events which took place across Northern Ireland in the autumn and for the many Christian sportspeople who were equipped to live for Jesus in their sport.

17<sup>TH</sup>

**Guest events:** Give thanks for the guest events that were held across Northern Ireland last year, with many sportspeople hearing the good news of Jesus being proclaimed.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

16TH - 22ND FEBRUARY

18<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Plus Xtra Northern Ireland:** Praise God for Sports Plus Xtra which took place in November and for the many young Christian sportspeople who are representing Jesus in their school sports clubs and teams.

19<sup>TH</sup>

**Reading with teammates:** Praise God for the opportunities He has given to people like Pete and Andy to read the Bible with teammates in their sports clubs. And pray for boldness for Christians to invite those in their clubs to open God's Word together.

20<sup>TH</sup>

**New connections:** Pray that Christian sportspeople would be found in places where we know of very few Christians involved in sport like Banbridge, Newry and Londonderry.

21<sup>ST</sup>

**Upcoming events:** Pray for the guest events planned in many churches and sports clubs and teams this term. Pray that many sportspeople would hear and respond to the good news of the gospel.

22<sup>ND</sup>

**Opportunities:** Pray for the many opportunities to equip and encourage Christians to share their faith with teammates. Pray also for chances for these Christians to use this training and that they would boldly take them.

Young performance athletes (YPAs) and their families can face pressure from many sides, often juggling school and church as they train and perform within competitive elite pathways. Pray with us for these young people and those who support them as they balance these priorities and commitments.

## FEBRUARY

23<sup>RD</sup>

**Time away from church:** Pray for YPAs who can't attend church regularly due to competing away, that they would still have support and fellowship to keep them rooted in Christ.

24<sup>TH</sup>

**Parents/guardians' faith:** YPA parents and guardians can spend hours each week investing in their child's sport - pray they would make time to grow in their own relationship with Jesus amongst the busyness.

25<sup>TH</sup>

**Injuries or selection disappointment:** Pray for YPAs who are struggling with injury or have been dropped from their team. Pray they would remember that their identity is in Christ and He loves them no matter what.

26<sup>TH</sup>

**Distinctiveness:** Pray for parents/guardians of YPAs as they spend time on the side lines with other parents. Give them opportunities to share something of their faith in Jesus and continue those conversations through the season.

27<sup>TH</sup>

**Uncertainty for next season:** Pray for YPAs who are uncertain of their plans for next season, that they would have helpful and honest conversations with their coaches and managers and trust God with what the future holds for their sport.

28<sup>TH</sup>

**YPA parents/guardians booklet:** Give thanks for those who have downloaded this resource, and pray it is helpful as they tackle the big questions that are covered and support their children in the world of elite sport.

29<sup>TH</sup>

**Churches with YPAs.** Pray for churches who have YPAs in their church, that they would understand the family's situation and know how to support them best as they balance commitments.

The work of Christians in Sport to reach sportspeople with the gospel is supported behind the scenes by operational staff, technology and systems. Pray with us the work of the operations team to help bear much fruit within the world of sport, for God's glory.

## MARCH

1<sup>ST</sup>

**Events:** Give thanks for the staff and volunteers involved in the delivery of hundreds of events each year. Pray that events would be delivered with real excellence so the gospel message can go out unhindered.

2<sup>ND</sup>

**Interns for next year:** Pray for the recruitment of interns for next year, that the Lord would provide men and women to serve in this crucial role. And pray for wisdom and good planning as applications are processed and interviews are held.

3<sup>RD</sup>

**Policies:** Pray that God would give wisdom in how important policies such as child safeguarding and data protection are constructed and implemented. Thank God for his protection in these areas and pray for continued best practice.

4<sup>TH</sup>

**Financial provision:** Give thanks for generous provision of finances to enable the work of Christians in Sport. Pray that God would continue to provide for our financial needs, and even increase funding for the next year to enable further growth to minister to the world of sport.

5<sup>TH</sup>

**Development of resources:** Praise God for the technology and skills to build resources for sportspeople which are useful as they worship and speak of Jesus in their sport. Pray for the Communications team in their ongoing creation of resources, that these would be well planned, useful and accessible.

6<sup>TH</sup>

**Board of Trustees:** Give thanks for the Christians in Sport Board who serve to oversee the governance and strategic direction of Christians in Sport. Pray they might continue to have wisdom and unity around the gospel.

7<sup>TH</sup>

**Technology and efficiency:** Pray for wise use of technology to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of communication at Christians in Sport.

God has blessed Christians in Sport with great opportunities and challenges ahead as we seek to reach the world of sport for Jesus. Pray with us for these coming events and chances to engage, equip and encourage sportspeople to play and speak for God's glory.

## MARCH

8<sup>TH</sup>

**YPA Resources:** As we seek to support YPA families on their journey, pray for wisdom for which resources it would be helpful to create and which topics or issues to address.

9<sup>TH</sup>

**University group leader training:** Pray for the university group leaders training taking place this spring. Pray that all the new group leaders will be envisioned and equipped to serve Christ in their role.

10<sup>TH</sup>

**Track & Field:** Praise God for the growing number of believers within this world, and for the increasing sense of community when at major sports events. Pray for Bible Studies to take place throughout the Diamond League series and at the Olympics in the summer.

11<sup>TH</sup>

**Scottish church leader gathering:** Pray for a gathering of Scottish church leaders taking place this month with the Scottish staff team and Graham Daniels. Pray that it is encouraging and helpful for the leaders to hear of ways that Christians in Sport can serve them and their congregations in the year ahead.

12<sup>TH</sup>

**YPA families:** Pray we would find more YPA families to support in the coming months, either through existing YPA families telling others they know of or by resources being passed on to families who might benefit from it.

13<sup>TH</sup>

**25<sup>th</sup> Sports Plus anniversary:** Pray for the opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness over 25 years of Sports Plus this summer. Pray for wisdom in the planning and practicalities, as well as for protection as we seek to continue serving young sportspeople at these camps for many years to come.

14<sup>TH</sup>

**Graduating students:** Pray for final year students who are preparing to finish university this summer and move onto a new stage of life. Pray that wherever they go they will remain faithful to Christ, engaged in a church and stuck into a sports club where they can worship God and make Him known.

15<sup>TH</sup>

**Finding more Christians in Sport:** Pray for staff to find more people and churches in towns and cities who have a heart to reach the world of sport for Christ.

16<sup>TH</sup>

**Training events:** Pray for training events for Christian sportspeople, partners and church leaders across the British Isles, that these events would be informative and encouraging. Pray also that they might be well attended and become annual features within the calendars of those they serve.

17<sup>TH</sup>

**Christians in Sport Staff:** Thank God for those who serve on the staff of Christians in Sport and pray that God would bring the right people to join us in the coming year to support the work. .

18<sup>TH</sup>

**Sports Plus 2020:** Pray for planning and preparations for Sports Plus 2020, that leaders' safeguarding checks would come in on time and that relationships with the venues would continue to be smooth. Pray for many young people to sign up and to invite friends who don't yet know Jesus.

19<sup>TH</sup>

**Rowing:** Pray for the work of the Elite team within the world of rowing, that they would be able to encourage those who are away training and competing in high pressure environments. Pray for Christian rowers to keep their identity rooted in Christ rather than their performance, especially in this Olympic year.

20<sup>TH</sup>

**Olympics outreach:** Pray for clubs and churches who plan to host events and reach sportspeople with the gospel during the upcoming Olympics. Pray for God's blessing on their work, that He would bring it to bear fruit for His glory.

21<sup>ST</sup>

**Sustainable mission:** We long to see sustainable models of sports mission in towns and cities across the UK and Europe. Pray for God to raise up leaders so that work can begin effectively to reach sportspeople, and pray for local churches in helping to facilitate and support the work for God's glory.

# OTHER WAYS TO PRAY

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