

A Prayer to See God in Youth Sports

We pray for young athletes...

Who through sports, develop important values such as loyalty, perseverance, friendship and sharing.

We pray for coaches...

Who appreciate the gifts of all players and have respect for the game, who place players before winning and value sportsmanship.

We pray for parents...

Who love their children for who they are, not for how they perform.

We pray for officials...

Who inspire fair play and protect the integrity of the competition and the participating athletes.

O God, we pray for all who participate in games and meets: May their hearts be open to see your presence in and through sports; may their minds remember the element of fun reflective of your Spirit; may their bodies reflect the gracefulness and wonder of your creation. Let all who compete be enriched by your presence on the course, in the gym, on the field, and on the track.

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