

PRAYERS FOR COACHES

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Composed by Fr Paul Crotty

Lord, heavenly Father,
giver of gifts human and divine,
guide leaders and coaches to discover
the skills and talents of those in their care.
Give them the words and example
to inspire the young to participate in sport
and to develop their human qualities
in an environment that is safe and encouraging to all.
Moved by the Holy Spirit, I ask this with confidence
in the name of your only Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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Australian rules footballer, umpire and coach.*

PRAYER FOR GRACE-FILLED LEADERSHIP

Composed by Marci Oringo-Vos

Lord God, as I strive to coach this team well,
I ask that you give me the grace to be able to do so.
Let me be able to set strong goals, that as a team
we may achieve and grow.
Give me the capacity to develop alongside them
and to be always ready to learn something new.
As I lead, teach me how to empower
each member of my team.
Show me how to put the good of all above my own glory.
Regardless of victory or defeat,
may I maintain a positive attitude towards my athletes,
acknowledging their efforts and recognising that,
in areas where they may have fallen short,
there lies not a failure but an opportunity for growth.
Be in my words, Lord;
show me how to communicate and lead effectively.
Teach me how to be an authentic witness to them.
Let me follow your example, to “wash feet”,
to stand up for what is right and to be just in my decisions.
And at the end of the day, Lord, I entrust them to you,
asking that you draw them closer to yourself.
Amen.

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*“In a world in which we often painfully recognise the presence
of youth who are lifeless, marked by sadness and negative
experiences, you can be for them, wise friends, expert guides
and coaches, not only on the playing field, but also along those
paths that lead to a finish line of the true values of life.”*

POPE JOHN PAUL II, ADDRESS TO THE DIRECTORS AND PLAYERS
OF THE ITALIAN SOCCER TEAM MILAN, 12 MAY 1979