

PRAYERS FOR OPPONENTS

PRAYER FOR RESPECT

Composed by Qwayne Guevara

Merciful God,
we acknowledge that you created
each one of us uniquely and that we all have dignity.
We pray for our opponents in this game
and ask that you remind us
to play with fairness and respect at all times.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

Composed by Chloe Esposito

Dear God,
You created all people in your image and likeness,
including all those with whom and against whom I play.
May I always remember that those I compete against
are my brothers and sisters in Christ.
Please help me to treat my opponents with respect,
love and compassion,
even when it becomes difficult to do so.
May my opponents use the skills and talents
that you have blessed them with
to the best of their abilities.
And when our match is over,
help us to see in one another the face of Jesus, your Son,
in whose name we make this prayer.
Amen.

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*“Sports, properly directed, develops character, makes
a person courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious
victor; it refines the senses, gives intellectual penetration,
and steels the will to endurance.”*

POPE PIUS XII,
SPORT AT THE SERVICE OF THE SPIRIT, 29 JULY 1945