

# PRAYERS FOR SPECTATORS



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## PRAYER FOR COMPETITORS

Strong and faithful God,  
as we gather for this match,  
we ask you to bless these athletes.  
Keep them safe from injury and harm,  
instil in them respect for each other  
and reward them for their perseverance.

Give them strength, courage  
and faith in the use of their abilities,  
as well as good sportsmanship throughout the game.  
Lead them and all those who watch this game  
to the rewards of your kingdom  
where you live and reign for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer composed by  
the Diocese of Wollongong.*

## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND GOODWILL

*Composed by Fr Jackson Saunders*

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks  
for the joy that sport brings to our lives,  
for the opportunity to watch this sporting event  
and for the talent of those participating.

Bless us as we come together,  
and may this occasion create unity among us.

May peace and goodwill prevail among all -  
coaches, players, umpires, officials and spectators.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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*“The spectator, too, must be capable of respecting  
the fundamental rule of sport as a fair and generous  
competition, a meeting place, a bond of solidarity.”*

POPE JOHN PAUL II,  
ADDRESS TO FICEP ASSEMBLY, 3 APRIL 1986