

We All Need Prayer

Ready:

I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me...

-John 10:14

Set

In his book "Rise, Let Us Be on Our Way," Pope John Paul II took a chapter to talk about the steps he used as a new bishop to initiate fellowship. He wrote that prayer prepared him for his encounters with others. He suggested that we pray for everyone every day, and also offered that praying as soon as you meet someone would help in all relationships.

As most of us know, the demands of being an athlete can be overwhelming. Even the best of athletes are at risk of hitting rock bottom at some point. As Christians we are called to lend a hand and to help get those who are going through hard times back on their feet. This very much includes praying--praying for teammates who are struggling mentally or physically, praying for coaches who are in challenging situations, praying for wisdom and joy for yourself.

But these prayers should not be restricted to those you know personally. As a number of sports are endorsing stricter personal conduct policies, athletes are being scrutinized more than ever. It is easy to get caught up in the media hype surrounding those who are being tried in court or who are surrounded by controversy and forget that they also need our prayers. We need to keep John 14:16 in mind and realize that God very much desires the best for their lives, as well.

Today, as we pray for our fellow athletes and coaches to overcome their difficulties, let us remember 1 John 5:14. Now this is the confidence we have before Him: whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Go

1. What steps can you take to include more people in your daily prayers?
2. Are you still willing to pray for someone after they have done something wrong?

Workout Romans 13:8 Luke 17:1-4

Bible Reference:

1 John 5



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