## COACH'S

Lord, when I pick up the whistle, lace up my shoes and walk out of the locker room, I coach for You alone. There is no turning back. In every victory and every defeat, I celebrate Your goodness and greatness.

The way I coach demonstrates my love for You.
I stand for the cross and declare my loyalty to You. I coach for You.

My energy and enthusiasm come from the Holy Spirit. My purpose and passion come from above. Through the strain and struggle, I never give up or give in. The champion inside of me is Jesus who gives me strength. Winning is honoring You in all I do. I coach for You.

When I coach, I feel Your pleasure. My heart longs for Your applause alone. All of my abilities are from You. I am under Your authority as my Ultimate Coach. I will respect and honor all competitors, coaches, and officials. I compete by all of the rules. I coach for You.

My coaching is my offering to my Savior. I am Your warrior in the heat of battle. I am humble in victory and gracious in defeat. I coach to serve You, my athletes, and our opponents. My words bring healing and refreshment that inspire and motivate.

I speak words of life. I coach for You.

Success isn't a winning program, but seeing the power of Christ transform the lives of my athletes. Victory is not the scoreboard, but for my athletes to become more like You. Bless my athletes in great ways and increase their faith and confidence.

I coach for You.

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.



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## LIFTING MY ATHLETES Through Prayer

LORD I LIFT MY ATHLETES TO YOU TODAY AND PRAY FOR:

**DEVOTION** They will engage You daily and seek Your face. They will love You with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength. They will have an intimate, passionate relationship with You. Increase their spiritual wisdom, resolve, and strength (Psalm 1:1-3; Mark 12:30; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 3:1-4, 13).

**ATTITUDE** They will have a Christ-like attitude in every situation. Help them to know life isn't what happens to them but how they react. May they have an attitude of gratitude (Philippians 2:14-15; Colossians 3:10; Proverbs 17:22).

**ENCOURAGEMENT** They will speak words of life that bring healing and blessing to others. May their words bring refreshment. They will be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (Proverbs 12:18; James 1:9; Proverbs 20:19; Ephesians 4:29; Proverbs 11:25).

**FREEDOM** You will release them from worry or guilt over the things they are not responsible for and cannot control. May they walk in freedom and compete with confidence (Matthew 6:25-34; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:1; 1 John 1:7).

**RELATIONSHIPS** Bring godly mentors into their lives to invest in them and keep them accountable. Give them strong friends who love them, care for them, and bring out their best. May they develop Christ-honoring relationships. May they express unity and harmony in Christ in all of their relationships (Hebrews 10:24; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 2:8; Proverbs 13:20; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

**PROTECTION** You will protect them spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, and relationally. Give them discernment and understanding. Protect them from those who desire to hurt and deceive them (Isaiah 40:28-31; James 1:5-8; Psalm 41; Psalm 28:7-9).

**EFFORT** They will work with all their heart for You, not for others. They will work hard and give their all—all of the time. Help them to be disciplined in all areas of life. They will sense Your delight as they do everything with all their might (Colossians 3:23; Ecclesiastes 9:10).

**JOY** May their joy be complete in You. Remind them that competition is fun. Help them to enjoy every part of sports: preparing, practicing, or playing. Fill their hearts with the joy of Jesus (Philippians 2:2; John 15:11)!



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