

A Prayer for the Continued Education of Sports and Fitness Professionals

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 105:1-8, James 1:5-6

Reflections of the Heart:

“Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.” – Albert Einstein

ONE Prayer:

Eternal Father, we bless You. Thank You for the people in the lives of sports and fitness professionals who serve as encouragers. Thank You, Lord, for sports and fitness professionals who have experienced successes as a result of their education. Thank You that they recognize the power of knowledge and understanding. They will praise Your Name with singing and glorify You with thanksgiving. They will praise You, Lord God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth! The Godly will rejoice in You, Lord, and find shelter. And those who do what is right will praise You. Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; Your justice is like the ocean depths.

Triumphant Father, You said it is much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver! We confess that sports and fitness professionals will listen to Your words and store Your commands in their hearts, turning their ears to wisdom and their hearts to understanding. They will see themselves as Your masterpieces, created anew in Christ Jesus so they can do the good things You predestined for them. They will use their platforms to encourage and mentor other sports and fitness professionals to strive to attain greater knowledge. They will also inspire fans, the media, family members and the general public by demonstrating the great value that quality education has added to their lives. Their lives will reflect Your Word which states, just as honey is good and sweet to taste, wisdom is like honey for people who find it – they will have a bright future and their hopes will not be cut short.

Holy Spirit, reveal how I can pray for the continued education of sports and fitness professionals:

Holy Spirit, please give sports and fitness professionals the desire to get wisdom and understanding about the Word of God and to go there first for guidance and answers. Help them to recognize that when they put You and Your teachings first, they glorify You and set themselves up for success. Send opportunities for continued education to sports and fitness professionals so that they may grow and prosper in their careers. Touch their hearts to share the good things they learn, implement and experience with others so that their colleagues, clients, students, friends and family members may benefit from their knowledge. Encourage sports and fitness professionals around the globe to practice lifestyles of ongoing education so their discernment will be sharpened and they will make decisions for their fitness organizations, schools, families and communities.

Merciful Father, forgive sports and fitness professionals for all acts of sinfulness, including contempt, pride, bitterness, criticism, lying, gossiping, hatred, malice, holding grudges and seeking revenge. Forgive them when they are jealous or resentful toward others in their profession who have learned their crafts differently and can execute with excellence. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind all sports and fitness professionals of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say “I forgive name of person(s).” Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help all sports and fitness professionals not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides You. There is no Rock like You, our God. Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. You are awesome in Your sanctuary. You are the God of Israel, who gives

power and strength to His people. Praise be to You, O God! May Your glory shine over all the earth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 69:30, II Chronicles 2:12a, Psalm 64:10, Psalm 36:5-6, Proverbs 16:16, Proverbs 2:1-2, Ephesians 2:10, Proverbs 24:13-14, Matthew 6:13, I Samuel 2:2, Psalm 68:35, Psalm 108:5b

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