



Pray for Kingsville's Upward Soccer

This is our 17th Upward Soccer season, and it has been a fruitful ministry for our church. Please use this guide and join our church family in prayer for this soccer season. In addition to the guided prayers below, continually pray that our church will use this season of Upward Soccer to show love to our community.

Date	Pray For...
Week of January 9	Pray that the word will spread that registration is open. Word of mouth is our best advertising vehicle. We also use social media, send information to schools, and do television appearances.
Week of January 16	Pray that our church family and players' parents will volunteer to help with soccer. It takes 80 – 100 volunteers to run a season.
Week of January 23	Pray that the Lord will pique the interest of those without a church home. On average, a third of our player families do not list a church home.
Week of January 30	Pray for the generosity of our church family. Scholarships are provided for those that need assistance paying the registration fee. Some of that funding is worked into our annual budget; the rest comes from donations to Upward Soccer.
Week of February 6	Pray for evaluations. Evaluations are February 11 and 12. This is the final step for parents in the registration process. For new families, it is the first time they come to our church campus.
Week of February 13	Pray for the creation of teams. Upward provides software that does most of the work of creating teams. It is dependent upon the data (player information, coach information, practice time, etc.) being input accurately. The goal is to have this complete by February 18 in order to have the uniforms arrive on time.
Week of February 20	Pray for parents as they plan for the season. By March 5, parents will have been contacted via email about what team their player(s) are on and what night they will practice. Pray for their safety as they travel to and from our campus.
Week of February 27	Pray for our Coaches Training. Our warm-up meeting for the season is March 5. Pray that new coaches are equipped with what they need for the season and seasoned coaches are inspired for their new team.
Week of March 6	Pray for the practices that begin this week. Pray for coaches to prepare well. Pray they take every opportunity to get to know their players and that players make new friends.

Week of March 13	Pray that parents make meaningful connections during their time on our campus. Parents often stay during practices, making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. Church members are welcomed to adopt a team and visit with parents.
Week of March 20	Pray for the first game day. Games start March 26. We play every Saturday for 8 weeks (except for Easter weekend). Pray that game days run smoothly, and pray for the safety of everyone involved.
Week of March 27	Pray for the player devotion time. During each weekly practice, coaches share a devotion with players. This season we will be looking at character lessons from the book of James.
Week of April 3	Pray for half time at games. At each game, spectators will hear a brief message at half-time while the players catch their breath for the second half. This message may be a devotion or testimony of the gospel. Pray that it impacts those who hear.
Week of April 10	Pray for the Easter Holiday. Pray that all our soccer families will hear the gospel this Easter Sunday.
Week of April 17	Pray for our referees. All our referees are volunteers. They do a great job with a task that gets very little thanks. Please pray for their wisdom, discernment, and the grace of others as they referee multiple games each Saturday.
Week of April 24	Pray for good weather. We cannot anticipate how weather will impact our season. Please pray for wisdom as leaders navigate cancellations and rescheduling.
Week of May 1	Pray for the endurance for all volunteer and parents. Our season is 13 weeks. This can get long for all those involved.
Week of May 8	Pray for the encouragement of the players. Pray that players grow in their character and their knowledge of the Lord. Pray that they build confidence as the season progresses.
Week of May 15	Pray for Awards Night. Our Awards Night is a night to celebrate each child's achievement and a season well played and to tell our families the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that our leaders strike the right chord of encouragement, celebration, and sharing.
Week of May 22	Pray for outreach after the season. On Awards Night, attendees will have the opportunity to ask for more information about a relationship with the Lord and about our church. Pray for the follow up with these families.

Finally, we ask that you pray for our 2023 Season.

Thank you for being a part of Upward Soccer.