



Pray for KBC's Upward Soccer Season

This year is our 18th soccer season. 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.

Week of:

Pray for:

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| 1/15 | Pray that our church family and players' parents will volunteer to help with soccer. It takes 80 – 100 volunteers to run a season. |
| 1/22 | 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. |
| 1/29 | 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. |
| 2/5 | Pray for evaluations. Evaluations are February 10 and 11. 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. |
| 2/12 | 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. |
| 2/19 | Pray for our Coaches Training. Our warm-up meeting for the season is February 25. Pray that new coaches are equipped with what they need for the season and seasoned coaches are inspired for their new team. |
| 2/26 | 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. |
| 3/5 | Pray for parents as they plan for the season. Pray for the families as they interact with new teammates and coaches. Pray for their safety as they travel to and from our campus. |
| 3/12 | 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. |



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| 3/19 | Pray for the first game day. Games start March 25. 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. |
| 3/26 | Pray for the player devotion time. During each weekly practice, coaches share a devotion with players. Pray that coaches would clearly communicate the truth of scripture and the love of Jesus. |
| 4/2 | Pray for the Easter Holiday. Pray that all our soccer families will hear the gospel this Easter Sunday. |
| 4/9 | 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. |
| 4/16 | 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. |
| 4/23 | Pray for good weather. We cannot anticipate how weather will impact our season. Please pray for wisdom as leaders navigate cancellations and rescheduling. |
| 4/30 | Pray for the endurance for all volunteer and parents. Our season is 13 weeks. This can get long for all those involved. |
| 5/7 | 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. |
| 5/14 | 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. |
| 5/21 | 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. |

Thank you for praying for the 2023 Upward Soccer season! May God receive glory through this ministry.