

10 Ways to Pray During the Super Bowl

Experience God while watching the big game

1. Pray for the Super Bowl host city

When the aerial shot of the city comes on your screen, pray for the people living in the host city. Pray that God would use the local church and local ministries to spread the gospel throughout the city. Pray for those who claim to know Christ to truly surrender to Him.

2. Pray for the week ahead of the game

The big game attracts all types of fanfare. Unfortunately, it also attracts dangerous actors and those who plan to do harm including kidnapping and human trafficking. Pray that the plans law enforcement officials and volunteers put in place keep everyone safe.

3. Pray for the Super Bowl Breakfast

Pray for this year's winner of the Bart Starr Award, his family, and previous award winners who know that with great influence comes great responsibility and even greater temptations that can hinder their impact. Pray also for the people who come to the breakfast, that they would be moved to surrender their lives to Jesus.

4. Pray for the players

Search and look through both team rosters and choose a few players to pray for.

5. Pray for the referees

Pray for the head referee and other refs officiating the game. When the ref makes, in your estimation, a bad call, relax. Your friends and your children will notice your actions when the refs make a call you don't like. Be a model of grace for those around you and cut the refs some slack.

6. Pray for athletic sportsmanship

Whenever you see someone display an act of humility, give glory to God. Here are some actions to look for:

- Helping an opponent get up from the ground
- Tossing the ball to the ref
- Giving credit to a teammate after a successful play
- Not yelling at the ref after a questionable call (or no call)
- Rallying around a teammate after he makes a mistake

7. Pray for the TV event

With the world watching, pray that God uses the game to reveal a glimpse of Himself through the game and all its theatrics.

8. Pray for your own contentment

Brand advertisements can be convincing. When the game goes to commercial, consider your own vulnerability to the tempting nature of "stuff." Confess your own idolatry regarding the mindset "If I only had __, then my life would be better," and ask Jesus to be your contentment.

9. Pray for the losing team

Pray that God would be glorified even in defeat. Pray that faith would inform the response of players who claim to know Christ.

10. Pray for the Super Bowl champions

Some players will feel a deep sense of emptiness after the big win wears off. Pray that God would reveal Himself as the One who ultimately satisfies and is able to supply all their needs.