

Prayer of Dedication for the Charles B. Runnels Sports and Recreation Village

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Our gracious Heavenly Father, we bow our heads in love and gratitude as we celebrate this dedication of the Charles B. Runnels Sports and Recreation Village.

We thank you for your servant Charlie, for his integrity; for his devotion to you, his family and this University; and for his tireless energy to make Pepperdine University a place where young people have their minds enlightened, their intellect sharpened, their bodies strengthened and their hearts reflective of Your love as they prepare to go forth and serve the world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, we dedicate the Charles B. Runnels Sports and Recreation Village to accomplish Your divine purposes. We dedicate it as a place for teaching and learning; for healthy competition; and for pondering and reflecting on the wonders of the world we live in and on the eternal verities of life.

We pray that all who use these facilities may do so with appreciation and gratitude for those who have made them possible. We pray that coaches, who serve here, may feel Your inspiration in their work as teachers. We pray the minds of students may be enlightened; that those who use these facilities will understand the importance of caring for the mind, body, heart and soul. We pray that all who train and compete here do so with vigor and a commitment to honor You in all they do.

Father, we are grateful for this beautiful setting and for the commitment to excellence and the encouragement of young people that Charlie Runnels has exemplified.

Bless those with us today and those that will benefit from these facilities in the future. May Your will always be ours. It is through your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that we pray.

Amen