



On November 5, 2023, thousands of individuals from all 50 states and 148 countries descended upon New York for its 26.2-mile marathon. Over 51,000 athletes, who spent months of training, raced from New York's Staten Island to Central Park and crossed the finish line.

Later that day, the media highlighted the men and women winners. Tamirat Tola from Ethiopia finished the men's race with a record time of 2:04:58. Kenya's Hellen Obiri, with a time of 2:27:23, took home the women's first-place medal.

There was a finishing time of 10 hours and 9 minutes that did not reach the evening news. However, this was still an amazing accomplishment. Kayleigh Williamson, a 33-year-old from Austin, Texas, made history by becoming one of the first women with Down Syndrome to complete New York's Marathon. With her mother by her side, Kayleigh endured the challenge and persevered to the finish line with tears and shouts of joy.

With the help and presence of God, we just completed our 2023 marathon. We crossed the finish line to 2024! Some of us had a record year that found us racing across the line, celebrating accomplishments and triumphs. Others of us, with much strength, support, and endurance, had to crawl over the line on our hands and knees.

No matter what kind of year we had, we made it. Once again, it is time for us to train with God and discipline ourselves for our 2024 race. May we be careful not to dwell on last year's victories or mistakes, good fortunes or disappointments, but let us focus and depend on God and His word. God wants us to trust Him for the new things He desires to do in and through us for the year ahead.

Dear Father, thank You for allowing us to start afresh with a new year. We can depend on You to coach us and travel with us on our upcoming marathon.

Praise

Prayer

January

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

Run in such a way as to get the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Seeing God in Everything

Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Joshua 1:8 Deuteronomy 6:5-9		1 Pray we will meditate on God's word day and night	2 Pray for a full understanding of God's word	3 Pray we will be obedient to God's word	4 Praise God for His life-changing word	5 Pray we will teach children God's word	6 Pray we are a living model of God's for our children
Hebrews 11:1 Hebrews 11:6 James 1:6 Hebrews 12:1-2	7 Pray that our faith in God will increase	8 Give praises, the faithfulness of God is all the evidence we need to walk in faith	9 Pray we will not be afraid to step out on faith	10 Pray that our faith will please God	11 Pray we will surrender our fears and doubts to God	12 Pray we will run with endurance the race that God has set before us	13 Praise God, He is the author and finisher of our faith
Proverbs 8 James 1:5	14 Pray we will diligently seek God's wisdom	15 Pray we realize nothing can compare to God's wisdom	16 Give praises, God's wisdom has always been around and is available to us	17 Pray we realize we are wise when we follow God's instructions	18 Pray we realize we will make the right decisions when we seek God's wisdom	19 Pray we realize God's wisdom helps us to live according to His will	20 Praise God, He gladly gives us wisdom when we ask for wisdom
1 Kings 19:11-12 Psalms 16:11	21 Pray we will long to be in the presence of God	22 Pray we will never be too busy to spend time with God	23 Pray we will not let the cares of this world overwhelm us	24 Pray we will not dwell on past troubles but focus on what God wants to do for us today	25 Give praises, God wants to do a new thing in us	26 Give praises, we will find joy and pleasure in the presence of God	27 Give praises, God wants to spend time with us
Proverbs 18:24 Ecclesiastes 4:11-12	28 Pray we realize God did not intend for us to walk this Christian Journey alone	29 Praise God for sending us Christian running mates to travel with us during our Christian race	30 Pray we will be a friend, supporter, and intercessor for our family and friends	31 Give Praises, God is our biggest supporter and will always stick close to us	All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27		