

Jeremy Lin Asks Fans for Intercession, Launches Prayer Group

Pro basketball star Jeremy Lin has never been shy about his Christian faith. Now, just entering his first season with the Los Angeles Lakers, Lin is asking his fans for intercessory prayer and has started a prayer group for his fans.

“The journey I’ve been on has had its ups and downs and I appreciate all of your support throughout,” Lin wrote on his blog this week. “Some of you have asked how to pray for me so I decided to start a prayer group where I can send out requests for those that want to pray and support!! Please feel free to share with others you think would be interested. So much of what happens is out of our control, but prayer has been a place I have consistently found peace with God. Thanks for being such supportive fans!”

Lin first captured the nation’s attention with sensational play in early 2012 that earned the undrafted player out of Harvard a spot in the starting lineup of the New York Knicks.

Lin joined the Lakers in late July after a trade with the Houston Rockets, where he landed after playing in New York. Sports pundits say Lin, who was born in nearby Torrance, California, will help the Lakers tap the city’s huge Asian demographic—the largest in the nation. Lin also brings his well-known willingness to live out his Christian faith to his new city and team.

In August, Lin opened up about the sins he struggles with. The 25-year-old Lakers guard admitted he is not as humble as some people may think. His remarks came in a question-and-answer session on Facebook during what he called Fan Appreciation Week.

"I'm not humble. Pride is [the] greatest sin I struggle with," Lin wrote. "But I'd say as I get older, go through more experiences in life and face tougher obstacles, I realize that I'm more sinful and need God more than I ever imagined."

Lin said he is now blogging periodically to fill in his fans from his perspective on what's going on in his life and the new NBA season. "Hope you guys enjoy it!"

"From a spiritual standpoint, God has been teaching me and challenging me to rest in His love and grace every day. I have always been a 'go-getter' type of guy who is focused on the next day, the next task or the next goal. God has been reminding me to stop and enjoy the relationship I have with Him daily. In doing so, I will live life with more peace, joy and purpose!

"Also a verse that I think God has put on my heart for this season is Ephesians 3:20, 'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.'"