



There could not be a better venue for the 2014 World Cup than Brazil. Not only is Brazil 100%

a football country, it is the country which taught the world how to party! Brazil is the five-time World Cup winners, the most successful team ever in the World Cup.

Oscar, Neymar, Paulinho and the rest are ready to inspire the nation. What a privilege for them to play in a World Cup in their own country, an opportunity Brazil has waited 64 years to see. 1950 was the last and only previous time Brazil has hosted the World Cup.

Spain, the defending World Cup and double European Champions should not be discounted. Netherlands and Italy have some great players. Germany is always strong when the World Cup comes around. England too, look to be developing a good combination of experienced players and young talent.

A great World Cup beckons!



- 2010:** Last 16 – lost to Germany 1-4
- 2006:** Quarter Final – lost to Portugal 0-0. Penalty shoot out 3-3
- 2002:** Quarter Final – lost to Brazil 1-2
- 1998:** Last 16 – lost to Argentina 2-2. Penalty shoot out 3-4
- 1994:** Did not qualify
- 1990:** Semi final – lost to West Germany 1-1. Penalties 3-4
- 1986:** Quarter Final – lost to Argentina 1-2
- 1982:** Second Group Stage
- 1978:** Did not qualify
- 1974:** Did not qualify
- 1970:** Quarter Final – lost to West Germany 2-3
- 1966:** WINNER
- 1962:** Quarter Final – lost 1-3 Brazil
- 1958:** Group Stage
- 1954:** Quarter Final – lost to Uruguay 2-4
- 1950:** Group Stages

England did not enter before 1950.

Apart from the 1966 win on home soil and the semi-final defeat in 1990, England has consistently been a quarter-final team. Can they do better in 2014?



- 1930:** URUGUAY 4 Argentina 2
- 1934:** ITALY 2 Czechoslovakia 1
- 1938:** ITALY 4 Hungary 2
- 1950:** URUGUAY 2 Brazil 1*
- 1954:** WEST GERMANY 3 Hungary 2
- 1958:** BRAZIL 5 Sweden 2
- 1962:** BRAZIL 3 Czechoslovakia 1
- 1966:** ENGLAND 4 West Germany 2
- 1970:** BRAZIL 4 Italy 1
- 1974:** WEST GERMANY 2 Netherlands 1
- 1978:** ARGENTINA 3 Netherlands 1
- 1982:** ITALY 3 West Germany 1
- 1986:** ARGENTINA 3 West Germany 1
- 1990:** WEST GERMANY 1 Argentina 0
- 1994:** BRAZIL 0 Italy 0 (3-2 on penalties)
- 1998:** FRANCE 3 Brazil 0
- 2002:** BRAZIL 2 Germany 0
- 2006:** ITALY 1 France 1 (5-3 on penalties)
- 2010:** SPAIN 1 Netherlands 0

* There was no final in 1950 as the competition was done on a league basis. However the outcome was decided by the final game between Uruguay and Brazil.



Brazil has been the dominant team in the World Cup, winning the trophy five times as well as twice losing in the final. 1938 was the country's first podium finish taking third place after losing to eventual winners, Italy, in the semi-final.

In 1950 Brazil hosted the World Cup. The tournament was run on a league basis with no final as such but as things worked out the final game was between Uruguay and Brazil. A staggering 199,854 spectators saw Uruguay win 2-1.

1958 was Brazil's first win. That was the year in which they introduced 17 year old Pelé to the world. Playing with flair, Brazil were unbeaten in that World Cup (5 wins and a draw), scoring 16 goals including a 5-2 win over hosts Sweden in the final.

In 1962 Brazil retained the trophy beating Czechoslovakia in the final (3-1). Pelé was injured in Brazil's second game and did not play at all in the knock-out stage.

The Brazil team which won the World Cup in 1970 is generally considered to be the best ever Brazilian team. Brazil won all six games – again beating England. In the final they beat Italy 4-1



with three second half goals. Pelé – now 29 – was at his peak orchestrating a team of stars like Gerson, Carlos Alberto, Rivelino and Jairzinho.

It would be 24 years before Brazil won a fourth World Cup, in the USA in 1994. The team lacked the flair of their predecessors and the final game was goalless even after extra time. Brazil won 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out.

1998 saw Brazil reach the final before losing 0-3 to the hosts, France.

In 2002 seven straight wins saw Brazil champions again with Ronaldo scoring eight goals. Brazil beat Germany 2-0 in the final with Ronaldo scoring twice.





Brazil will use stadia in 12 host cities for the World Cup

Belo Horizonte – Estadio Mineorao (Capacity 62,547) Six games including a semi final.

Brasilia – Estadio Nacional (68,009) Seven games.

Cuiaba – Arena Pantamal (42,968) Four games.

Curitiba – Arena da Baixada (41,456) Four games.

Fortaleza – Estadio Castelao (64,846) Six games.

Manaus – Vivaldao (42,374) Four games.

Natal – Estadio das Dunas (42,086) Four games.

Porto Alegre – Estadio Beira-Rio (48,849) Five games.

Recife – Arena Pernambuco (44,248) Five games.

Rio de Janeiro – Estadio Di Maracana (76,804) Seven games including the final.

Salvador – Arena Fonte Nova (48,747) Six games.

Sao Paulo – Arena de Sao Paulo (65,807) Six games including a semi-final.

The distance from Porto Alegre to Fortaleza or Manaus is about 2,000 miles.





Cacau's World Cup could hardly have started better. In Germany's opening game against

Australia, he came off the bench and scored within two minutes: *"That was amazing. I really wanted to play in that game and then at last I got my opportunity. When the chance to score came, I could see clearly the build-up and the ball being played in. It happened like I was watching a film in my head. I thought of my childhood and all the hard times. It was so special and really impossible to describe the feeling. It was a great moment."*

"As a child I always watched the World Cup on TV, seeing it as the most important football tournament and following it closely. To be part of it and to have everyone's attention focused on us was special. I think you only realise what has happened in moments like this after your career is over."

Unfortunately he picked up an injury – a cracked rib – which kept him out of Germany's games in the last 16, quarter and semi-finals. He returned for the third place match and helped Germany beat Uruguay so his World Cup finished with a win, a celebration and a medal.

People ask if being a successful, famous, rich footballer is the best thing that has ever happened to him.

Cacau replies *"No! There is a verse in the Bible [Mark 8:36]: 'What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?' I know that everything I have now is temporary – one day it will all be gone. But if I live for God and trust in his word, those things will last forever. Jesus gives me security. He loves me. It is not what I do but what he does that matters."*

"Before, I used to think you have to perform to earn God's love. He has shown me that the absolute opposite is true – he accepts me just as I am. It was such a relief to understand that all he wants from me is that I give him my heart and my life. I am really thankful to him".





2010 was the first World Cup to be held in Africa and South Africa did the continent proud with a well-organised tournament. After drawing with Mexico and losing to Uruguay, South Africa needed a win to have any chance of progressing to the knock-out stage. South Africa beat France in that final game but Mexico scraped through on goal difference and South Africa were out.

Ghana were the only African team to progress to the second stage with Nigeria, Cameroon and Algeria finishing bottom of their groups without a win between them. Côte d'Ivoire narrowly failed to qualify from a group with Brazil and Portugal.

The four quarter finals ended as follows

Brazil 1 Netherlands 2:

But Brazil had led at half-time and Netherlands only got back into the game through an unfortunate own goal.

Germany 4 Argentina 0:

To the delight of Angela Merkel who was in the stadium, Germany overwhelmed Maradona's Argentina.

Spain 1 Paraguay 0:

It took Spain (and David Villa) 83 minutes to score the only goal.

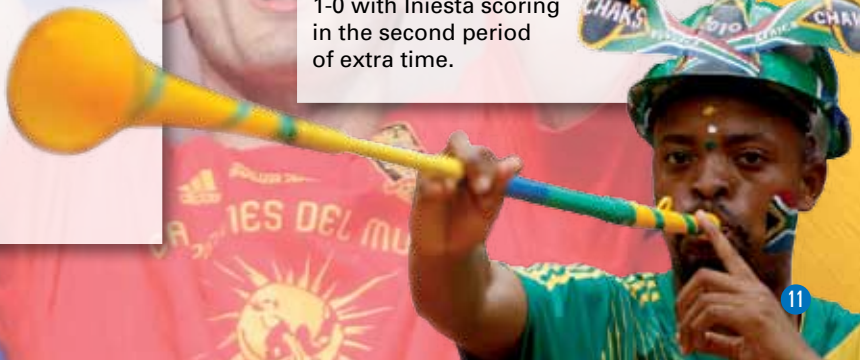
Uruguay 1 Ghana 1:

Uruguay won 4-2 on penalties.

Ghana came so close to winning the game when Luis Suarez saved Appiah's shot on the goal-line with his hand in the final minute of extra time. From the resulting penalty, Gyan's shot struck the cross-bar and the game was settled by a penalty shoot-out which Uruguay won.

In the first semi-final Netherlands were never behind as they beat Uruguay 3-2. Spain beat Germany 1-0 and with Spain playing the best football in the tournament it was ironic that the only goal of the game was Puyol's header from a corner.

Spain won the World Cup beating Netherlands 1-0 with Iniesta scoring in the second period of extra time.



What is it like to win the world Cup?
We asked three players who know.



"The final was a disappointment for me as I was injured after 18 minutes. I hoped to continue but the pain was too bad. The words that came into my mind were from the Bible 'In all things God works for the good of those who love him' (Romans 8:28). Although I had to watch much of the game from the bench, being on the winning team made me really happy and thankful to God." Jorginho (1994)



"In 2002, I had the opportunity to win the World Cup and without a doubt, it was a special moment. It was a time when I could see the hand of God every day. I believe that it was God who kept me on the Brazilian National Team and has kept me involved in great competitions. We won, and once again had the opportunity to thank God for the whole world to see." Lucio (2002)



Edmilson scores for Brazil 2002

"You cannot describe it – the emotion and the sensation. Everything flashes into your head. Participating in a World Cup is one thing, being in the squad another, to play the six games, and then to play in the final... it's one phase after another. It's a huge professional accomplishment. I remember that when the referee blew the whistle, I fell to my knees, with Kaká and Lucio and we started to pray. My entire life flashed by in my mind. Victory was a gift from God." Edmilson (2002)





Group A

June 12	Sao Paulo	Brazil v Croatia	5.00pm		
June 13	Natal	Mexico v Cameroon	1.00pm		
June 17	Fortaleza	Brazil v Mexico	4.00pm		
June 18	Manaus	Cameroon v Croatia	6.00pm		
June 23	Brasilia	Cameroon v Brazil	5.00pm		
June 23	Recife	Croatia v Mexico	5.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1A						
2A						
3A						
4A						

Group B

June 13	Salvador	Spain v Netherlands	4.00pm		
June 13	Cuiba	Chile v Australia	6.00pm		
June 18	Rio De Janeiro	Spain v Chile	4.00pm		
June 18	Port Alegre	Australia v Netherlands	1.00pm		
June 23	Curitiba	Australia v Spain	1.00pm		
June 23	Sao Paulo	Netherlands v Chile	1.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1B						
2B						
3B						
4B						



Group C

June 14	Belo Horizonte	Colombia v Greece	1.00pm		
June 14	Recife	Côte d'Ivoire v Japan	10.00pm		
June 19	Brasilia	Colombia v Côte d'Ivoire	1.00pm		
June 19	Natal	Japan v Greece	7.00pm		
June 24	Cuiaba	Japan v Colombia	4.00pm		
June 24	Fortaleza	Greece v Côte d'Ivoire	5.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1C						
2C						
3C						
4C						

Group D

June 14	Fortaleza	Uruguay v Costa Rica	4.00pm		
June 14	Manaus	England v Italy	6.00pm		
June 19	Sao Paulo	Uruguay v England	4.00pm		
June 20	Recife	Italy v Costa Rica	1.00pm		
June 24	Natal	Italy v Uruguay	1.00pm		
June 24	Belo Horizonte	Costa Rica v England	1.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1D						
2D						
3D						
4D						

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Group E

June 15	Brasilia	Switzerland v Ecuador	1.00pm		
June 15	Porto Alegre	France v Honduras	4.00pm		
June 20	Salvador	Switzerland v France	4.00pm		
June 20	Curitiba	Honduras v Ecuador	7.00pm		
June 25	Manaus	Honduras v Switzerland	4.00pm		
June 25	Rio De Janeiro	Ecuador v France	5.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1E						
2E						
3E						
4E						

Group F

June 15	Rio De Janeiro	Argentina v Bosnia and Herzegovina	7.00pm		
June 16	Curitiba	Iran v Nigeria	4.00pm		
June 21	Belo Horizonte	Argentina v Iran	1.00pm		
June 21	Cuiaba	Nigeria v Bosnia and Herzegovina	6.00pm		
June 25	Porto Alegre	Nigeria v Argentina	1.00pm		
June 25	Salvador	Bosnia and Herzegovina v Iran	1.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1F						
2F						
3F						
4F						



Group G

June 16	Salvador	Germany v Portugal	1.00pm		
June 16	Natal	Ghana v USA	7.00pm		
June 21	Fortaleza	Germany v Ghana	4.00pm		
June 22	Manaus	USA v Portugal	6.00pm		
June 26	Recife	USA v Germany	1.00pm		
June 26	Brasilia	Portugal v Ghana	1.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1G						
2G						
3G						
4G						

Group H

June 17	Belo Horizonte	Belgium v Algeria	1.00pm		
June 17	Cuiaba	Russia v Korea Republic	6.00pm		
June 22	Rio De Janeiro	Belgium v Russia	1.00pm		
June 22	Porto Alegre	Korea Republic v Algeria	4.00pm		
June 26	Sao Paulo	Korea Republic v Belgium	5.00pm		
June 26	Curitiba	Algeria v Russia	5.00pm		

Country	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1H						
2H						
3H						
4H						

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SECOND ROUND

1 Saturday June 28 – Belo Horizonte 1.00pm

Winner Group A

v

Runner-up Group B

2 Saturday June 28 – Rio De Janeiro 5.00pm

Winner Group C

v

Runner-up Group D

3 Sunday June 29 – Fortaleza 1.00pm

Winner Group B

v

Runner-up Group A

4 Sunday June 29 – Recife 5.00pm

Winner Group D

v

Runner-up Group C

5 Monday June 30 – Brasilia 1.00pm

Winner Group E

v

Runner-up Group F

6 Monday June 30 – Porto Alegre 5.00pm

Winner Group G

v

Runner-up Group H

7 Tuesday July 1 – Sao Paulo 1.00pm

Winner Group F

v

Runner-up Group E

8 Tuesday July 1 – Salvador 5.00pm

Winner Group H

v

Runner-up Group G

QUARTER FINALS

A Friday July 4 – Fortaleza 5.00pm

1 _____ v 2 _____

B Friday July 4 – Rio De Janeiro 1.00pm

5 _____ v 6 _____

C Saturday July 5 – Salvador 5.00pm

3 _____ v 4 _____

D Saturday July 5 – Brasilia 1.00pm

7 _____ v 8 _____

SEMI FINALS

1 Tuesday July 8 – Belo Horizonte 5.00pm

A _____ v B _____

2 Wednesday July 9 – Sao Paulo 5.00pm

C _____ v D _____

3RD PLACE PLAYOFF

Saturday July 12 – Brasilia 5.00pm

Loser 1 _____ v Loser 2 _____

FINAL

Sunday July 13 – Rio De Janeiro 4.00pm

Winner 1 _____ v Winner 2 _____

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Korea DPR 3 Portugal 5

North Korea produced one of the greatest upsets in the history of the World Cup when, in 1966, Pak Doo Ik's goal helped his team defeat Italy 1-0 in the final group stage game, eliminating the Italians as Korea DPR progressed to the quarter-final to meet Portugal. Scoring in the first minute, Korea were 3-0 up in 25 minutes. Then Eusebio took over. He scored two goals by half-time, one a penalty. After an hour's play the score was Korea 3 Eusebio 4 – two penalties. Jose Augusto scored another for Portugal and the Korean dream was over. Portugal lost 1-2 to England in the semi-final.



When the 32 teams contest the 2014 FIFA World Cup, it will be the beginning of the end of a long process involving 192 teams taking part in 820 games to decide who would qualify for Brazil.

The following countries make up the 32 who have qualified for the 2014 World Cup:

Hosts: Brazil

Europe (53 played 13 qualified)

Nine group winners

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	10	8	2	0	18	4	26
Italy	10	6	4	0	19	9	22
Germany	10	9	1	0	36	10	28
Netherlands	10	9	1	0	34	5	28
Switzerland	10	7	3	0	17	6	24
Russia	10	7	1	2	20	5	22
Bosnia/Herz	10	8	1	1	30	6	25
England	10	6	4	0	31	4	22
Spain	8	6	2	0	14	3	20

The best 8 runners up played off over two legs with the winners qualifying – aggregate scores below:

France 3	Ukraine 2
Portugal 4	Sweden 2
Croatia 2	Iceland 0
Greece 4	Romania 2

Asia (43 countries – 4 qualified with one to an inter-continental play-off)

Four qualifiers from final group stage

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Iran	8	5	1	2	8	2	16
South Korea	8	4	2	2	13	7	14
Japan	8	5	2	1	16	5	17
Australia	8	3	4	1	12	7	13

Africa (52 countries with 5 qualifiers)

Following a preliminary round 40 teams played in 10 groups of 4 with the 10 winners playing off for five places as follows:

Cameroon 4	Tunisia 1
Côte d'Ivoire 4	Senegal 2
Ghana 7	Egypt 3
Algeria 3	Burkina Faso 3
(Algeria win on away goals)	
Nigeria 4	Ethiopia 1

South America (9 countries compete for 4 places with one to an inter-continental play-off)

The 4 automatic qualifiers were:

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Argentina	16	9	5	2	35	15	32
Colombia	16	9	3	4	27	13	30
Chile	16	9	1	6	29	25	28
Ecuador	16	7	4	5	20	16	25

North and Central America and Caribbean

(3 places for 35 countries with one to an inter-continental play-off)

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
USA	10	7	1	2	15	8	22
Costa Rica	10	5	3	2	13	7	18
Honduras	10	4	3	3	13	12	15

Inter-continental play-offs (2)

The final two places are decided by play-offs involving four countries from different FIFA regions.

Mexico 9	New Zealand 3
Uruguay 5	Jordan 0



"I remember 1994 – I was 12 years old. We went to watch the World Cup at my mother's uncle's house, nearby Minas Gerais. The game that I remember most is the final, especially the penalty shoot-out. I remember the moment when Baggio missed his penalty kick and Brazil had won the World Cup.

"I was part of the 2002 World Cup winning team, which was very emotional – because of the importance of football in Brazil and because of the way Brazilians feel about the National team and the World Cup. Getting to lift the Cup is a unique moment. It was also excellent for my career. I was 20 years old – the youngest player in that team.

"My memories of 2006 are good ones, because it was when I scored my first World Cup goal against Croatia. But it also left a feeling of sadness, because although the 2006



team was very talented, we failed to achieve the main goal of any Brazilian team, which was to win the World Cup.

"In 2010 I felt frustrated because I thought that our team had what it took to go further in the competition. In the game against the Netherlands, we played well and led 1-0 at half-time. Then in the second half Netherlands scored two goals. We lost 2-1 and were out of the World Cup.

"I believe that my ability to play football is a gift – a talent that God has given me. My need for Jesus has nothing to do with money, fame or success. Jesus is more than that. He wants us, ourselves, our hearts. I truly believe that Jesus does not care much for Kaká the football player, but is more concerned about Ricardo the person."



"I read the Bible every day because the words are inspired by God."
Edmilson (Brazil, 2002)



"One of the biggest human problems is fear of death. Because I believe in Jesus, I know where I come from and where I am going – so I am free from fear of death."
Lee Young Pyo (Korea 2002-2010)



"I believe that Jesus will be faithful in this life and in the next. Without him the afterlife is utter despair."
Jean Jacques Tizier (Côte D'Ivoire 2006)



"God, through his love for us, sent His only son, Jesus, to die for you and me, for our sins. Three days later Jesus became alive again and is still alive today."
Kaká (Brazil 2002-10)



"The Bible says in John 3:16 that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only son'. God has given the ultimate sacrifice and the ultimate release to bring you into a new life of clarity, of righteousness, a life of peace and a life of real quietness."
Eyong Enoh (Cameroon 2010)



"Pelé is special because he played in three World Cups which Brazil won. Of course he is also special for his other achievements, like scoring more than 1,000 goals in his career!"

"Since he was the star of those victories he was considered a player who was 'out of this world', 'beyond the norm' and someone whom every Brazilian admires. And as a result the world has a special place in its heart for Pelé."

Pelé – whose full name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento – played 92 times for Brazil, scoring 77 goals and played in 4 World Cups (1958-70). Since retiring in 1977, he has been a worldwide ambassador for football.





"Spain will be hard to beat" says John Motson

"Spain are certainly the team to beat. After winning

three consecutive championships – two European championships and a World Cup – they have to be classed as the best team, not just of this generation but of two or three generations going back. I am now starting to think that Spain is above even the Brazil team of 1970 with their achievements and the style of their football. They don't have a Pelé but they have a better goalkeeper and a better defence than the Brazilians and several stand-out players. Like Brazil they play it off the cuff. Spain's understanding, movement and passing is better than anything I have ever seen in this period of football.

"You would need to find someone who could make a valid comparison between this team and the great Hungarian team of the 1950s that I am just about old enough to remember. Hungary was the best football team that anyone had ever seen.

"For me the essence of the Spanish team is that they have managed to mould together the Barcelona and Real Madrid players. In the past, tensions

between the Madridistas and the Catalans were always a bit of a nightmare and a great handicap for them. From the Barcelona angle, they have now got six or seven players who have been playing together since they were about 12 and who have been brought up to play a certain way. Their confidence is sky high as they have won the Champions' League more than once. They have been brought through as kids and their tippy-tappy football as they call it is inbred and their knowledge of each other and how they play is just ahead of anyone in the world.

"Success breeds confidence and if you have won two European Championships and the World Cup in 2010, you are not going to be afraid of anyone going into a tournament in 2014."



- It is not often that you can say that the referee was flawless. One of the referees in the 1954 World Cup was though. His name was Charlie Faultless from Scotland!
- The biggest win in a World Cup qualifier is 31-0, the score by which Australia beat American Samoa in 2001.
- The fastest ever goal in a World Cup qualifier was scored by Davide Gualtiere who scored for San Marino in 1993 after only 9 seconds. Yes it was against England! England won 7-1 in the end though.
- In the 1970 World Cup Brazil's Jairzinho played in the three group matches, the quarter, semi and final and scored in each game – he is the only player to have scored in every game he played in the World Cup finals.



- Cameroon's Roger Milla is the oldest player to have played in the World Cup. He was 42 years and 39 days when he played his last match against Russia in 1994.



- Northern Ireland's Norman Whiteside is the youngest ever finals player, being just 17 years and 41 days when he took the field against Yugoslavia in the 1982 World Cup.

To win the World Cup is a supreme achievement. The glory though, is temporary as four years later there will be a new champion. As a player, you know that there will be someone faster or stronger or better to take your place one day.

Lucio (Brazil 2002-10) who had the privilege of winning the World Cup describes it as *"a very special moment"*. Yet for him it is not the ultimate goal of his life. He speaks of *"the need to seek God first and He will take care of the rest"*.

Jesus has promised to accept anyone who comes to him and not only to be their friend in this life but to take them through death into eternal life. His love for us all is not temporary! The starting point is to believe that he exists and that he died on the cross to forgive our sins, taking the punishment that we deserved.

Marcos Senna (Spain 2006) described the decision to believe as: *"the best decision that anyone can make in their lives. The difference that Jesus makes in my life is... everything."*

Cacau (Germany 2006) said, *"Jesus gives me security. He loves me. I don't have to prove myself because he has done everything for me"*.



You too can invite Jesus into your life and ask him to forgive you right now by using the words of this prayer.

“Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open my heart to receive you. Thank you for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. Please take control of my life and make me the kind of person you want me to be. Amen.”



“It doesn’t matter what you have, who you are, where you play, what you do or your profession, Jesus loves you. For me, I see this when I win, when I lose, when I get home after a bad match we were unable to win, and even when I fail. In Jesus’ eyes, I am the same person and He is going to continue to love me just the same.” Lucio (Brazil 2002-10)