

Rotary District 6450

Non-denominational Prayer Cards

As we begin our Rotary functions, we should set an example of using a non-denominational prayer. As Rotary International is a non religious organization, we would not want to offend any religion with words that would be inappropriate for some members. I have compiled a sample of some possible Rotary prayers. The sheets can be easily printed on card stock paper, cut to size and have available with your club supplies.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Bristol Breakfast Rotary Club of England in 2000. There I met Past District #1100 Governor Philip M. Bowry. He presented me with a publication that he had written called "The New Rotary Grace Book", a PMB Publication. The prayers come from this publication. Little did I know that in 2002 Mr. Bowry would be honored at the Barcelona International Convention as a "World Champion" for his tireless and outstanding work in Rotary. Thank you Mr. Bowry.

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This day thou gavest Lord, is just beginning,
Give us time,
Time for patience, for understanding,
Time to remember thoughtful deeds to do,
Time to believe in all fellow men
And time to perceive the value of having Rotarian friends.

Amen.

Dear Lord we ask you to
Bless our club each day and night
And keep it in thy shining light.
Bless our thoughts, our every task
And keep them pure and ever steadfast.
Grant us love and peace of mind
And keep our faith in all mankind.

Amen

Dear Lord,
From whom all life
And all true gladness springs,
Whose love and care shine everywhere
Among earth's common things; be present while we lift our
thoughts, to thee, and pay heart-gratitude for all things good
about our path today.

Amen

Many of our countrymen gave their today's for our
tomorrows.
Let us remember the sacrifices thy made
So we may enjoy our peaceful mornings here together.
We thank you O Lord that we are here to say thank you.

Amen

True Rotarians have a magnet in their hearts
That attracts true friends.
That magnet is unselfishness
And thinking of others first.
Rotarians know when they live for others
Others will live for them.

Amen.

Life is the greatest event we will ever be invited to.
Today Lord, you are giving us another chance.
Guide us to act justly in all our dealings.
Help us to show kindness, knowing such actions
Help to overcome people's fears
And instill in us the importance of walking humbly through the
day before us.

Amen

Dear Lord,
In a world where many are lonely
We thank you for friendship and community;
In a world where many are despairing.
We thank you for hope;
In a world that many find meaningless.
We thank you for faith;
In a world where many are hungry.
We thank you for this food.

Amen

Give us time
Time for patience,
Time for understanding,
Time to remember
Thoughtful deeds to do,
Time to believe in our fellow men
And time to perceive the value of being a Rotarian.

Amen

When we go into the city and into the street
Let's give the Rotary message to the people we meet.
The light of the day has risen again;
But let us remember,
The people of darkness are seeking a friend.

Amen

Dear Lord, we thank you for our health, happiness
Peaceful existence and the wealth we enjoy.
May our business flourish
So that we may spread their benefits
To those less fortunate.

Amen

As Rotarians, Lord grant that we may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive.
And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

Amen

Dear Lord,
As Rotarians, help us to bear the unbearable sorrow.
To go where the brave dare not go.
To right the unrightable wrong,
To try when our arms are too weary to reach the unreachable
star.

Amen

Lord as Rotarians, help us always to be patient and kind.
Help us not to be boastful, envious or proud.
Protect us from being rude, self seeking or easily angered.
Teach us not to keep records of wrongs or to delight in evil.
But show us the benefits in dealing in the truth.
Inspire us to spread peace, hope and perseverance in helping
mankind in our community and throughout the world.

Amen

W e at (insert name of your club) Rotary Club
Wish that every day for you
Will be happy from the start
And may you always have good luck
And a song within your heart.

Amen

Whenever we doubt the future
Let us look into the hope of a child's eyes.
When we make a promise to the young
Let's ensure that we keep it.
And if we treat adults and children with equal respect
Our world will be a better place.

Amen

O Lord of love and power
Protect us Rotarians in danger's hour
From weakness, temptation, doubt and foe.
Guide us where're we go.
And we in return will rise to thee
With deeds and actions exemplary.

Amen

Morning has broken like the first morning
Ours is the sunlight, ours is the morning.
Lord you gave us a heart, you gave us a smile,
Let's all use them to the full
Before we are just a name on the undertaker's file.

Amen

As Rotarians we thank thee lord for this food
And for the fellowship we are enjoying
This morning/ lunchtime/ evening.
We pray that this sustenance my strengthen us
Physically and that the friendship we enjoy
Will enrich us spiritually so that we can serve mankind
By spreading peace and kindness.

Amen

For the spirit of service that brought us into Rotary,
For the grace of god who gives us this day,
For the fellowship which draws us together,
For the blessing of food and drink,
For these and all his mercies,
God's holy name be praised.

Amen

As Rotarians we thank thee lord
For this new morning and its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For every gift your goodness sends.

Amen

Dear Lord,
Bless our club
And all who over our threshold pass.
Ensure our friendships ever last.
God bless us all, both young and old
And keep thy heavenly home our goal.

Amen

Let us not only value the year before us but look to this day,
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all wordly truths
And realities of our existence: The bliss of growth, the glory of action,
The splendour of beauty, For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow
is only a vision, But today well lived makes every yesterday
A dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Therefore, fellow Rotarians, look well to this day
And thank god.

Amen

Lord, as Rotarians, make us instruments of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

Amen

As Rotarians, let us try to give peace of mind
To all we meet.
Spread happiness wherever we go.
Encourage health where people are deprived,
And spread wealth to those in need.

Amen

This morning, as Rotarians,
Let us be thankful for whatever health, laughter,
Food and friendship that might come our way.
But also let us be mindful of those who at this time,
Or in the future, may be without any of these
Heaven-sent gifts.

Amen

Lord, as Rotarians, keep us in your shining light,
Guide our thoughts in every task,
Help keep our faith in all mankind,
Give us strength in time of need,
And we thank you for all the friendships
Rotary has given us.

Amen

Like the flowers may we all be strengthened
By yesterday's rain and the goodness it brings,
May we walk straight in tomorrow's wind
On the roadway of life we tread,
And may we cherish each moment of the shining sun
And the good friendship that enters our lives tonight.

Amen

As Rotarians,
May all our actions lead us to have peace of mind
So that we may spread peace in the world.
May our own friendliness help spread happiness
To all we meet.
May our health be such that we can help others less
blessed.
May our business life flourish so that we may spread
Its benefits to those less fortunate.

Amen

For breakfast/lunch/dinner, friendship and peace
We render thanks O lord.
Bless our table; deepen our gratitude;
Enlarge our sympathies and order our
Affections in generous and unselfish lives;
And in so doing encourage us to conduct our days
In the spirit of Rotary.

Amen

Here in our club may we find constancy in Rotary
And sincerity in our friendships.
May the sound of Rotarians' laughter
Lighten every load,
May the spirit of Rotary fellowship
Shorten every road,
May we taste the sweetest pleasures
That fortune e'er bestowed.

Amen

As Rotarians we should think deeply,
Speak gently, love much, laugh often,
Work hard, give freely, pay promptly,
Pray earnestly and be kind.

Amen