

Guidelines for Blessings / Inspirations at Rotary Meetings:

These guidelines are intended to simplify and encourage everyone to feel comfortable participating in this portion of our weekly meetings.

Rotary is a non-discriminatory, non-political, and non-denominational organization. Rotary is comprised of members from a wide range of beliefs and religious traditions, and for that reason Rotary International recommends non-denominational meeting blessings / inspirations that give no reference to specific religions or belief systems. Additionally, Rotary blessings / inspirations should be short and simple. Like all presentations, it is recommended that what you say be considered in advance.

Rotary blessings / inspirations can:

- 1. Give thanks for those who serve us.
- 2. Give thanks and ask for wisdom for leaders of all types.
- 3. Give thanks for relationships between one another, our family, our friends, and community.
- 4. Give thanks for the blessings we enjoy.
- 5. Be a request that we each have wisdom, integrity, patience and good humor in our dealings with everyone we encounter.
- 6. Express a wish for positive outcomes on a case-specific basis (e.g., international, national, or local events).
- 7. Be an invitation for the group to share a moment of silence to reflect on individual thoughts or to reflect on any of the above topics.
- 8. Be a recitation of a quote, poem or a short story that is appropriate to the mission of Rotary, current events, or the program topic.

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