

Since it has been quite a while, your Board of Directors thought it might be a good time to remind our members of the Rotary guidelines regarding invocations and prayers.

The prayer at the start of the meeting is an opportunity to:

GATHER OUR THOUGHTS
REFLECT ON THE MEANING OF ROTARY
BE THANKFUL FOR OUR BLESSINGS
REACH OUT TO ALL ROTARIANS

The speaker should keep in mind not to cause offense, since it is the duty of every Rotarian to reach out to people of all cultures, races and religions.

Rotary meetings are secular in nature. Rotary meetings are not the place to proselytize. As such, those members who are gracious enough to volunteer to lead our club in the prayer and pledge should strive to apply the four way test (the entire test) to whatever invocation they choose to deliver:

The Rotary Test of the things we think, say and do:
Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build good will and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Please be mindful that not all of our club member are Christians and as such invoking the name of Jesus or Jesus Christ, will not pass the four way test, any more than invoking the name of Yahweh, Buddha or Mohammed would.

It is the fervent hope of the Board that our members will use this opportunity to grow in tolerance and humanity. We have attached a document with a variety of prayers for your use. They will also be available at the podium during our meetings.