

PRAYER FOR ROTARY BANQUET/CHARTER EVENT

MARCH 5, 2009 6:00P.M.

ALLENDALE ROTARY - ALLENDALE, MICHIGAN

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, Loving Father, your Son,
during that very special meal recounted in John's gospel
showed his disciples what service meant and said to them:
"I have given you an example to follow, so that as I have done for you,
so you should also do."**

**We gather tonight for a special meal as well,
a night when this new chapter of Rotary in Allendale
celebrates its charter.**

**We celebrate with members of our community locally,
and the wider community of Rotary International including
our special guests and neighboring chapters gathered here tonight.**

**We are professional men and women dedicated to service of others,
seeking high ethical standards, international fellowship and cooperation,
we do indeed come from many backgrounds, speak many languages,
and work to make dreams real for children and others in need throughout the world.**

**We ask your blessing upon this special beginning tonight
when we formally recognize our call to serve our community,
we ask your blessing on our forebears in Rotary who have made this chapter possible,
and upon each of us as we accept our responsibilities to follow in their way.**

**Bless the food that is placed before us,
and those who have made it possible and prepared it.
Bless our conversations, sharings, and words of wisdom this night,
Bless the possibilities that are before us,
Bless our abilities to accomplish all you call us to,
and bless and bind the ties that connect us to one another,
and the new ties to be formed as we advance together to serve
our community and the world.**

**Thank you for gathering us.
Bless us to do your will in your way, guided by your Holy Spirit.
We make this prayer and ask this blessing, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

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