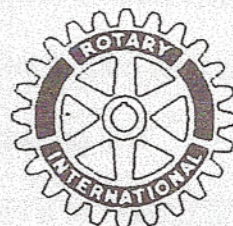




ROTARY BOOK OF PRAYERS



THE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS District 7210

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ROTARIANS:

As Rotarians we acknowledge that we are not adequate in ourselves to accomplish the great projects that we undertake to serve the needs of others. We open our meetings with a prayer, recognizing a Supreme Being who is able to equip and empower us for the tasks before us.

You may be called upon to give the prayer. To assist you, The COUNCIL of PRESIDENT has asked Rotary Clubs in District 7210 to submit prayers for a booklet. This is our "first" collection. They have been edited for publication, but they represent the Clubs that sent them in. We thank those who sent in material, and we hope that you will find the booklet helpful.

Jim Parsons
Prayer Book Chairperson
Tappan Zee-Piermont Rotary Club

**For the blessings of our daily lives we give you thanks, O God.
By this food strengthen us to serve others in this community
through the many projects and programs of our Rotary Club.
Enable us to continue to do good works. Amen**

Tappan Zee Piermont Rotary Club.

**Lord of all power and might, who art the author of all good
things - grant in our hearts the love of Thy Name. Increase in
us true faith, Nourish us with the gifts of this food and bring
forth in us the fruits of good works. Amen**

Nyack Rotary Club

Giver of all good, grant us Your love and care as we share this meal together. As we work together in Rotary, keep us mindful of the needs of others and our commitment to give service above self. Amen

Tappan Zee Piermont Rotary Club

Grant us wisdom and strength, O God, to live up to our ideals. May our dealings with each other and all people be according to the test to truth, fairness to all concerned, the building of goodwill and friendship, and be beneficial to all concerned. By this food and our fellowship, strengthen our lives to be guided by "The Four-Way Test." Amen

Arlington Rotary Club

O gracious God, we thank you for the gift of life and for what we are about to receive to sustain life. We thank you for the joy and satisfaction in serving and helping others through this Rotary club; and we thank you for the spirit of friendship and care which dwells among us. Amen

Ramapo Valley Rotary Club

Almighty God, You feed our bodies with daily food, now feed our spirits with your grace, that through the fellowship of this Rotary Club we may truly serve You in serving others. Amen

Tappan Zee Piermont Rotary Club

Let us bow our heads and clear our minds. Don't think about yourself. Don't think about your work. Don't think about the weather. Instead think of what brought us together...Service Above Self. Above all think about being a friend to each other and to everyone in our community. Amen.

Cario Rotary Club

The Value of a Smile

It costs nothing, but creates much.

It enriches those who receive it, without impoverishing those who give.

It happens in a flash, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

It cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen, but it is of no good to anyone - until it is given away.

So, if in your busy life you run across someone too weary to smile - leave him one of yours.

No one needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.

Anonymous

Hudson Rotary Club

Dear Lord, thank you for this gathering today...and help us to further our work with Rotary.
Heavenly Father, help us through Rotary to help those less fortunate than we are.

Putnam Valley Rotary Club

Almighty God, we are thankful for the talents and abilities of those who will lead Rotary in the year ahead. Let us not presume that we are adequate for the challenges until we have been touched by your strength and wisdom.

Your gift of vision will allow us to see beyond where we now stand, and to glimpse the values and the goals and the directions that will lead us to where we should be and can be.

Free us from the minor fears and imagined failures that limit us. Never let us be content with insights that limit us, or problems of the moment that block our progress. With your help, O God, let us be all that we can be as we lead ROTARY in achieving new horizons. Amen

Tappan Zee Piermont Rotary Club

Dear God, we thank you for this beautiful day. It makes us feel happy and so fortunate to be alive. Let us feel strengthened by the wind, the sun, and the clean air. May we keep our hearts and minds open to find a path to happiness. Amen

Hudson Rotary Club

We thank Thee for this opportunity to meet with friends in the name of Rotary. Guide us as we help to serve this community.

Putnam Valley Rotary Club

Dear Lord, let there be peace in our hearts, calm in our souls, and love in our being. Let us consider what is truly important and keep faith. Let us not forget to love one another and seek out joy. Bless this food to our use and us to thy service. Help us to make every effort to live better lives. Amen

Hudson Rotary Club

O God, You have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for truth and justice, to comfort one another without hatred or bitterness - and to work together with mutual respect and forbearance. We ask these things in your Holy Name. Amen

Nyack Rotary Club

Prayer for New Officers

Grant to these, our new leaders, wisdom, courage and insight, so that we all may be led to new horizons of service - which is our purpose in Rotary. Accept our gratitude for this food and for our high calling to serve. Amen

Arlington Rotary Club

A Daily Resolve

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, and serene life, repelling every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking. Cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence. Exercising economy in expenditures, generosity in giving, cheerfulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust and a childlike faith in God.

In particular, I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleeping, which I believe the Spirit has shown me to be right. And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of attempt it, I look to Thee, O Lord God, my Father, and ask for the gift of Thy Spirit. In these things we pray. Amen.

Nyack Rotary Club

Pray for an Anniversary Dinner

We are grateful, O Lord, for home, for friends, for Rotary, and for the opportunity to live lives of service. We give thanks for this food. May it give us strength to serve you more effectively.

On this special occasion we give thanks to those charter members who had the commitment, foresight, and dedication to start the _____ Rotary Club _____ years ago.

We now pray that you give us the same energy, and dedication to continue on with our Rotary Club goals of service and peace throughout our community and the world for many years to come. Amen.

Arlington Rotary Club

Almighty and ever living God, we give Thee thanks for all Thy blessings; for our nation with all of its opportunities, and for Rotary, and the ideals passed on by our Founder. Help us to live up to those ideals and pass them on to those who follow us. We ask Thee to bless this food to our use and us to Thy service. Our prayers we ask in Thy name. Amen

Windham Rotary Club

Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings of this day and for the fellowship we come here to share. Dedicate us to your service; the service of Rotary and the service of Rotary's programs around the world. Here our prayers, and grant us peace. We ask these things in Your name. Amen

Nyack Rotary Club

Lord, King of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine, please give us the wisdom to understand our purpose in life and in Rotary and the strength to do our tasks well; and please give us good weather, both wet and dry. Amen

Monsey Rotary Club

Gracious God, we give Thee thanks for all the gifts of our lives;
for the gift of friends; for the gift of guests; for the gift of this
fellowship called Rotary; and for the gift of this food of which
we are about to partake. We praise Your name. Amen

Greenville Rotary Club

Laugh a little - sing a little,
As you go your way.
Work a little - play a little,
Do this every day.
Give a little - take a little,
Never mind a frown, make your smile
a welcome thing all around the town.
Laugh a little - love a little,
Skies are always blue,
Every cloud has a silver lining
But it's up to YOU!

Hudson Rotary Club (Author Unknown)

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Yours in Rotary Service
Bunnee Webb
(Chairperson- COP)

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