Rotary Non-denominational Prayer Cards

I have compiled a sample of some possible Rotary prayers.

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 Mr. Bowry would be honored at the Barcelona International Convention as a "World Champion" for his tireless and outstanding work in Rotary.

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 and we would not want to offend any religion with words that would be inappropriate for some members. The sheets can be easily printed on card stock paper, cut to size and have available with your club supplies. Enjoy.

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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

Lord we ask you to
Bless our club each day and right
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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
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And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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

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 may strengthen us
Physically and that the friendship we enjoy
Will enrich us spiritually so that we can serve mankind
By spreading peace and kindness

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

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

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

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 worldly 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.

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.

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.
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
Heavensent gifts.

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

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

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

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

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 take the sweetest pleasures
That fortune ever bestowed

Amen

Order, as Rotarians keep us in your shining light,
Guide our thoughts in every task
Help keep our faith in all mankind
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