## **Rotary Invocations -**

God of my ancestors, bless this food which we are about to receive....bless us this during this time which we share that we may be ever mindful of Thy will and our duties towards our goal of Service above Self.

Lord, refresh us with this food. And nourish our hearts and minds with the constant values that make us Rotarians. Open before us the way of peace and service and eternal life.

Father in heaven, sustain our bodies with this food -- our hearts with true friendship and fellowship and our souls with thy truth.

O Lord, as we gather here today help us to remember always that we are dependent on thee. Give us strength as a club to accomplish those goals that always serve you. And with thankfulness, may we partake of the food before us.

Sanctify, O Lord, we beseech thee, this food to our use -- and us to thy mercy. Make us truly thankful for the families we have and the friends we gather with today and always. Help us Lord to continue in our efforts as Rotarians, and in doing so, we serve you.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred...let me sow love. Where there is injury...pardon. Where there is doubt...faith. Where there is despair...hope. Where there is darkness...light. Where there is sadness...joy.

Father, grant that I 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 pardoning that WE are pardoned. And it is in serving others that we truly benefit!

O God, our father, for these and all thy good gifts...we thank thee. May thy blessing abide in this club. Be with us all, and with our dear ones everywhere.

Give us grateful hearts, our father, for all thy mercies and make us mindful of the need of others and continue to serve through Rotary.

Lord, help us to receive all good things from thy hand and use them to thy praise. We thank thee for thy mercies which are new every morning and fresh every evening. We thank thee for the fellowship of Rotary and the service for you which comes from us today.

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use -- and us to thy service of Rotary.

We look to thee, O Lord, for food to nourish our bodies...for grace to strengthen our spirits...for love to enrich our lives...and the will to serve as Rotarians.

O God, our father, who gives food for the body and truth for the mind -- so nourish and enlighten us that we may grow wise to do thy will, and ever mindful of the ideas and values of Rotary.

Bless us, O Lord, in what we are about to receive and make us truly thankful for being Rotarians.

For the food that nourishes our bodies...for the fellowship here that feeds our souls...for all things good and beautiful with which our lives are filled...we render thanks to thee -- giver of every good and perfect gift.

O Lord, with those of all the ages we give thee thanks for the abundance of thy gifts. Strengthen us now according to your needs. And help us to serve in thy name through Rotary.

Lord, thou hast not need of our thanks, but we have daily need to remind ourselves of our obligation unto thee and Rotary. For all thy mercies, make us truly grateful.

O Lord, for this our daily bread and for every good gift which you give us, we bless thy holy name. Teach us to give thanks to thee -- not only in words...but also in our manner of living...and in our manner of serving, as Rotarians.

Heavenly Father, we thank thee for this food and for all thy goodness to us. Give us grace to do thy will and serve above self.

For family and friends...for health and strength...for love and joy, we thank thee, O Lord. And pray that we may so use these gifts as to increase the happiness of all those around us.

Make us truly thankful, dear Father, for this food and all those comforts and blessings we enjoy daily. And grant that, as we grow in stature, we may also grow in wisdom, and in favor with God and man.

Bless, O Lord, this food to our use, and us in thy service. Keep in our hearts and minds the message of "service above self" and bless our gathering together.

Father, let thy peace and blessing descend upon us as wwe take of thy bounty. Fill our hearts with love and praise unto thee, and give us the strength to carry out the tasks in thy name, and towards the service of Rotary.

With gratitude we acknowledge these gifts and all the benefits of thy grace. Help us to live in thy glory and to serve through Rotary.

Accept, O Father, our humble thanks for this our daily food, and as it adds strength to our bodies, may it give us the power to render better service to thee.

For this our daily bread, and for every good gift which you bestow upon us...we bless thy holy name, O Lord. Transform this food into life, and transform that life into useful service of thee through our work as Rotarians.

O God, our Father, who gives us food for the body and truth for the mind...so enlighten and nourish us that we may grow wise and strong and do thy will. Help us to continue in our efforts as Rotarians. We ask these blessings in thy holy name.

We thank thee, Lord, for bringing us together today...to serve in your name, by remembering "he profits most who serves best."