*NON-DENOMINATIONAL INVOCATIONS FOR KIWANIS MEETINGS*

* Let us take a moment to remember all the religions represented in the Kiwanis family. Let us also recall that when we were invited to join our Kiwanis clubs we were not asked “are you a Protestant, a Hindu, a Muslim, a Jew, a Catholic or a Buddhist?” You are not asked because all religions are welcome in the Kiwanis family.

Please join me in a moment of reflection and thanks with these words:

With our friends beside us and no person beneath us, with the bonds of Kiwanis between us, and our worries behind us, with our goals before us, and no task beyond us, with a thirst for knowledge, and a dream of a disease-free world, we are thankful for our Kiwanis friends and the meal we are about to share.

* Will you please bow your head with me. Let us pray silently together, each one of us according to our individual beliefs. Let us offer thanks for our food, blessings for one another. Let us be a source of hope for those in need and contentment for those who are lonely. Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve Kiwanis. Let the feelings of love, kindness, and a well-directed yet gentle spirit always be reflected in our actions.
* Let my eyes be opened. Let me awake and see the beauty that surrounds me all around. Let me hear the singing birds make their wonderful sound. Let me thank God for my health that has been good to me so far. Let all my dreams come true when wishing upon a star. Let me be thankful for friendship that was lovingly given me. Let me never forget the caring that was made for me to see.
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* For friends, food, fun and fellowship, especially the fellowship of Kiwanis, we give our sincere thanks. May these tokens of your bounty nourish our physical bodies in preparation for the challenges that are ours in Kiwanis. Keep us always mindful of the needs of others and keep us always attuned to our calling in Kiwanis. We ask these things in the Name of your eternal truth. Amen.
* As each of us give our own thanks according to our personal persuasions, let us dwell on some thoughts that bind us together: “You’ve blessed us with friends and laughter and fun with rain that’s as soft as the light from the sun. You’ve blessed us with stars to brighten each night. You’ve given us help to know wrong from right. You’ve given us so much, please Lord give us, too, a heart that is always grateful to you.”
* May all be fed. May all be healed. May all be loved.
* In a world where so many are hungry, may we eat this food with humble hearts; in a world where so many are lonely, may we share this friendship with joyful hearts.
* Bless the people of this community and help us work together to make it a better home for all. Bless this meal we share together and fill us with the strength to live in harmony. Amen
* May we be strong in virtue, firm in time of trouble, and always ready to help others in time of need. May we be blessed as we share this food and as we work and live together for the good of all. Amen
* For food that stays our hunger, for rest that brings us ease, for homes where memories linger, we give our thanks for these.