

## INVOCATIONS IN LIONS CLUBS

Almighty God...

May.

Your Love be our **Liberty**

Your Grace be our **Intelligence**

Your Will be **Our Nation's Safety**

**And Thine is the Power and the Glory**

Invoking God's Blessings before starting the day is a ritual followed all over the world. We in Lions Clubs too, follow this custom before the start of every meeting especially when we cannot have the flag salutation.

Invocation are one's prayer thanking God for all that we have got and requesting Him to continue blessing us. Don't our individual prayers change from day to day? How then can our Lions Clubs invocation be the same, every meeting, every day.

In all our Lions Clubs publications we do have a standard Invocation prescribed for reading at Club Meetings. However, it is not mandatory that we use those alone.

Though of course, Socrates did say - "Our prayers should be for the blessings in general for God knows best what is good for us".

An Invocation suited to the occasion makes it more meaningful.

At the start of Business Meeting, we would like to pray that we take all decisions judiciously and with an open mind, whereas at the start of a Charter Anniversary function, we seek the blessings of the Almighty to make our club stronger and thank Him for giving our club a strong foundation.

Below are given some Invocations you could use at different functions. Feel free to modify them to suit your own needs.

**Before any Meeting :**

Lord & Creator of the Universe, watch over everyone here present. We pray for blessings for each member of the family of Lionism. Give

them wisdom to recognize and utilize their gifts and talents to the fullest. Protect them and their family members from harm and danger. Help them to enjoy life and gain much fun in fellowship and self improvement from Lions Clubs International.

We stand in humility before you with our heads bowed and our hearts open. We ask that you bestow many blessings so that we may continue our imaginative and ingenious humanitarian services.

### **Invocation at District Governor's Visit**

As we are gathered here for our Annual Meeting, we pray that this enforces the ties between all present so that when they return home they are filled with serenity and joy.

Let us ask the Almighty, whom, we trust, to bless the deliberations which will be conducted during this meeting and enlighten the spirits of those in charge.

We must particularly think of our Governor and his family and thank them for the time and energy they have spent for the good of our Association. Thank God for the strength and health bestowed on them. We must now meditate on our accomplishments and make decisions of quality on deeds to come. God bless us all.

Amen

### **Invocation at a Charter Anniversary**

Let us pray. As we gather here we are filled with emotions, pride in our club and its accomplishments, anticipation for the future and hope for the prospect of peace.

We thank those Lions who had the insight to start this very club. God bless those who have been our pillars for years even after they laid such a strong foundation.

While we express thanks for eyes to see beauty, may we not ignore ugliness, but rather work to transform it. While we express thanks for ears to hear a symphony, may we not miss the said cry of a hungry child. While we are grateful for hands to work, to provide for ourselves, may we always be willing to lend a hand to those who need our help. We pray to Him who is greater than we are. Amen

### **Invocation at an Installation Ceremony**

Here we are, Lord God, Your Lionistic family gathered together. Thanks to Your grace, we join here as brothers and sisters.



Fukushima Visit

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Lord and Heavenly Being, we thank. You for this day and for those gathered together in this group - a group representative of many different nations that span the globe working towards one common goal, Lionism.

We are thankful for the opportunity to come together to strengthen the bonds of fellowship amongst ourselves so that we may spread its warmth through the world.

Lord, we are thankful for Your Kindness in bringing us together in peace and harmony. We thank you for the wonderful meal set before us, for us to share and enjoy with our brothers and sisters in Lionism.

We now pray to you, Lord, that You show the same kindness to our less fortunate brethren who have lost everything in the recent floods in our district and in neighboring districts, or those have lost much due to war or other disaster.

We also pray, Lord, that you find a fast track to a safe, strife-free and hunger-free world.

AMEN.