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*We thank You for all that You have provided us on this earth. We thank You for the skills You have given us, which allow us to earn our livings and care for our families.*

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**Heavenly Father:**

*Let Kiwanis widen our circles of interest and broaden our spheres of service.*

*Teach our members that we need not be rich to be generous, especially with our time; that service to others is the rent we must pay for the space we occupy; and that it is not the talented but the dedicated who serve You best.*

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*Remind us that, when people say they approve of something in principle, it means they haven't the slightest intention of putting it into practice.*

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