

## **In Honor of Lions**

*Honoring the Members of Lions Club International*

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As a Lion I'm proud of the projects we do,  
Aiding the weak, and caring too.  
But far out of sight is the real work at hand,  
Caring for others not on this land.

For outreach is given, and those never seen  
Benefit greatly from Helen Keller's dream.  
Preventing disease and improving life  
Are parts of the mission of a Lion's life.

Out of sight from the mainstream, ne'er a flinch may we show,  
For caring for others is the life that we know.  
'Though poverty and rife provide many a curve,  
LCIF is the vehicle through which we all serve.

From screening for vision to aids for the deaf,  
A Lion's job is service, leaving no one bereft.  
If only we could, we'd serve everyone's need  
From illness and blindness to education, a seed.

For growing and mending are the jobs we must do,  
Being a Lion means we must be true  
To ourselves and each other, even those we don't know.  
We offer our service as needs only grow.

Service is not popular, we don't win much praise,  
But we recognize value in the spirits we raise.  
So don't let the culture of greed let you sway,  
Service is our lifestyle; service is our way.

A Lion's always ready when tough times come near,  
For good times are simply times of good cheer,  
But never a time to complacent become,  
Our watchword is service; our work's never done.

So here's to the Lions whether here or away,  
We're brothers and sisters, united we'll stay.  
We'll continue in service to all who're in need,  
And pray for the guidance that keeps us from greed.

For greed is the way of much of the world,  
But fostering service is far more bold.  
So, here's to each Club, may we ever be true  
To the mission of Lions, and follow the cue

Of the many who lead us, and those gone before.  
Lionism is forever; we will endure.  
Take with you this vision of a safe, peaceful place  
Where people are healthy, no illness to face.

Where blindness is prevented and the deaf can hear,  
Where children can learn in a place without fear.  
Where adults can protect and children can play,  
And the vision of Lions is at work everyday.

Here's to the Lions, may we ever be true  
To this vision of peace, and may we accrue  
The wisdom of sages, the courage of saints,  
Understanding of genius, empathy and grace.

And may we acknowledge the work gone before,  
And honor the heroes of Lions once more.  
So, please take this with you, let everyone know,  
Lionism means caring wherever we go.



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**We Serve**

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