Setup: At the beginning of the game, shuffle your Prayer Cards together and deal yourself 3. Remove the other 6 from the game, face down. They will not be used. You may look at your Prayer Cards at any time, but you should keep them hidden from other players. Place your Prayer Tokens where you can easily reach them. (If you happen to run out of Prayer Tokens during a game, use some other marker as a substitute.)

Each Prayer Card has a cost. This is the number of Prayer Tokens that you must spend to play that Prayer Card. Many of the cards in Bastian’s Character Deck include “gain a Prayer Token” as part of their effects. Bastian does not start the game with any Prayer Tokens, so he cannot play his Prayer Cards until later in the game.

Each Prayer Card has a subtype of Action, Sometimes or Anytime. You may play a Prayer Card whenever you could play a card from your hand of that type. To play a Prayer Card, reveal it (if it isn’t already revealed) and pay for it. After a Prayer Card is played, it remains face up in front of you. You may play it later in the game as long as you can pay for it.

Example: On Bastian’s Drink Phase, he reveals Dragon Breath Ale. He plays Prayer of Generosity to give the Drink to Zot. Bastian spends 5 Prayer Tokens and puts the Prayer Card face up in front of him. Later in the game, he can play Prayer of Generosity again if he has another 5 Prayer Tokens to spend.

A Prayer Card may be responded to just like any other card of its subtype. So, for example, a Prayer Card with subtype “Sometimes” may be Negated by “I don’t think so!” If a Prayer Card is Negated, Ignored, or otherwise altered, you do not get a refund of the Prayer Tokens you spent to play it.

Other Rules

Your Prayer Cards do not count as part of your hand, so you will refill your hand to 7 cards from your Character Deck each turn as normal, leaving your 3 Prayer Cards off to the side.

Playing a Prayer Card with subtype “Action” counts as your Action for the turn. Some of Bastian’s Prayer Cards say that you may play another Action Card from your hand. In this case, you may not play another Prayer Card with subtype “Action” or replay the Prayer Card you just played. You also may not play a card that is not in your hand, such as one of Phrenk’s Potion Cards (from RDI 3).

Cards that affect the numerical values on cards (like Luck Potion) do not affect a Prayer Card’s cost in Prayer Tokens, but they do affect other numerical values.

Example: Bastian has a Luck Potion in front of him that he purchased from Phrenk. He plays Prayer of Sobriety and uses his Luck Potion on it. He pays 3 Prayer Tokens and loses 5 Alcohol Content.