

PRAYER OF OSCAR ROMERO



It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent
enterprise that is God's work*

*Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always
lies beyond us*

No statement says all that could be said

No prayer fully expresses our faith

No confession brings perfection

No pastoral visit brings wholeness

No program accomplishes the church's mission

No set of goals and objectives includes everything

This is what we are about

We plant the seeds that one day will grow

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise

We lay foundations that will need further development

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an
opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the
master builder and the worker*

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs

We are prophets of a future not our own

Amen