

ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO PRAYER: A STEP ALONG THE WAY

**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.**

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MM – Discussion / Questions on Oscar Romero Prayer – A Future Not Our Own

Please read the Prayer Several Times this Week, may I suggest reading it in the Morning to be able to contemplate it during the day. Think and reflect about your “Goals” in life and how this Prayer may bring you Peace.

Questions:

- 1) Do You Trust in Jesus? Have you been Blessed to have the opportunity to Trust in Him?**

- 2) Share with your Table times when you did Trust HIM and times when you did NOT Trust Him or FORGOT about Him.**

- 3) Think and Reflect about your “Goals” in life and how they have changed over the years.**

- 4) Have you achieved some/all of your Goals, stretched your goals or ever re-evaluated your goals?**

- 5) What does the Prophet Ezekiel, Prophet Amos, Jesus, Saint Paul, Arch Bishop Romero, Mother Teresa and Bishop Untener and Yourself have in common? Hint: Msgr wrote about it in 7/5/15 Bulletin.**

***This prayer was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, drafted for a homily by Card. John Dearden in Nov. 1979 for a celebration of departed priests. As a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Romero, Bishop Untener included in a reflection book a passage titled "The mystery of the Romero Prayer." The mystery is that the words of the prayer are attributed to Oscar Romero, but they were never spoken by him.**