**Oscar Romero’s Prayer**

**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.**

