

# **PRAYER FROM ARCHBISHOP ROMERO**

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view.  
We must remember that the Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
the Kingdom is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime  
only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is the Lord's  
Nothing that we do is complete,  
which is another way of saying that the Kingdom lies beyond us

But we must never be saddened by these truths,  
for this is the gloriousness of what we are about!  
We plant the seeds that one day will grow  
we water the seeds that are already planted  
Knowing that they hold the promise of the future.

We cannot do everything  
and there is a sense of tremendous liberation in that realization!  
We can do some things,  
and those things we can do exceedingly well  
when we trust in God's wisdom and guidance,

Without a beginning there is no attainment.  
Without struggle, there is no victory  
Without hope and faith, there is no success, no achievement, no change  
no growth toward the Kingdom.

And so we may never see the end results of our labor,  
but that is the difference between the Master Builder and the worker  
We are workers, not Master Builders,  
We are ministers not Messiahs  
We are prophets of a future which is not our own

May we humbly serve in ways that are just  
without thought for praise or recognition.  
May we accept God's future  
and do all we can to create that glorious reality,  
beginning with this moment in time  
Let us begin with wisdom and end with love.