PROPHETS OF A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN

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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Inspired by Ignatian values, we envision a world in which the dignity of each person is respected, human rights are protected, creation is cared for, and all people thrive.

We pray for a broad perspective and loving affirmation as we build a brighter future

This prayer is often attributed to Saint Oscar Romero of the Americas.

However, it was written by Ken Untener in a homily for Cardinal John Dearden in 1979. Still, the vision of hope and persistence is very much inline with the philosophy of Archbishop Romero.

We pray that he accompanies and guides us as we work towards a more just a peaceful world.