

A STEP ALONG THE WAY

This prayer was composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, and drafted for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden in November 1979.

It was used as a reflection on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Oscar Romero. Use this prayer as a challenging reflection on the way we live for Jesus.

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.

ENLARGED IN WAITING

**Prayer written by Matt Long in a prayer room in Bethanie, France, June 2011.
Use this prayer when you're frustrated or need patience.**

When we're blinded by bigness

Give us Your blueprints

Enlarge our vision in the waiting

When we're lost because of lack of skills

Give us Your labourers

Enlarge our trust in the waiting

When our pockets are penniless

Give us Your purse strings

Enlarge our faith in the waiting

When our giving out hits ground zero

Give us Your grace

Enlarge us in the waiting. Amen

WHERE CHRIST PRESIDES

Written by Matt Long in a prayer room in Bethanie, France. Based on [Colossians 3:1-2](#) MSG

Use this prayer to recommit your life and what you're involved in to God

God, forgive me when I shuffle along, eyes to the ground,
Absorbed in the things in front of me,
Teach me to know that Christ is where the action is.

God, I'm serious about practising resurrection and I choose to act like it.
I choose to pursue the things, over which Christ presides,
Teach me to know that Christ is where the action is.

God, I choose to be alert to your presence and present to your alertness.
I choose to lift my eyes to the horizon to see things from your perspective.
Teach me to know that Christ is where the action is
Amen