

# Oscar Romero

## Quotes

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Jesus, Children, Heart, Believe, Prophet, Faith, Liberty, Long, Giving, Ubuntu,  
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The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

~Oscar Romero

I do not believe in death without resurrection. If they kill me I will rise again in the people of El Salvador.

~Oscar Romero

Aspire not to have more, but to be more.

~Oscar Romero

When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises.

~Oscar Romero

Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world.

~Oscar Romero

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

~Oscar Romero

There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried

~Oscar Romero

There is no dichotomy between man and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being, abuses God's image.

~Oscar Romero

Peace is the product of justice and love.

~Oscar Romero

God is not satisfied with appearance. God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love.

~Oscar Romero

We suffer with those who have disappeared, those who have had to flee their homes, and those who have been tortured.

~Oscar Romero

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

~Oscar Romero

Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty.

~Oscar Romero

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

~Oscar Romero

Each time we look upon the poor, on the farmworkers who harvest the coffee, the sugarcane, or the cotton... remember, there is the face of Christ.

~Oscar Romero

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

~Oscar Romero

When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties.

~Oscar Romero

One must not love oneself so much, as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those that fend off danger

will lose their lives.

~Oscar Romero

It moves one's heart to think: Nine months before I was born there was a woman who loved me deeply. She did not know what I was going to be like, but she loved me because she carried me in her womb.

~Oscar Romero

Social sin is the crystallization ... of individuals' sins into permanent structures that keeps sin in being and makes its force to be felt by the majority of people.

~Oscar Romero

I don't want to be an anti, against anybody. I simply want to be the builder of a great affirmation: the affirmation of God, who loves us and who wants to save us.

~Oscar Romero

That we may give our body and our blood over to suffering and pain, like Christ - not for Self, but to give harvests of peace and justice to our People.

~Oscar Romero

We are prophets of a future not our own.

~Oscar Romero

Let us not forget: we are a pilgrim church, subject to misunderstanding, to persecution, but a church that walks serene, because it bears the force of love.

~Oscar Romero

As a pastor, I am bound by a divine command to give my life for those whom I love, and that includes all Salvadorans, even those who are going to kill me.

~Oscar Romero

We lay foundations that will need further development.

~Oscar Romero

No confession brings perfection.

~Oscar Romero

Our responsibility as Christians makes us tremble.

~Oscar Romero

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

~Oscar Romero

A Christian's authenticity is show in difficult hours it is in difficult hours that the church grows in authenticity. Blest be God for this difficult hour in our archdiocese. Let us be worthy of it.

~Oscar Romero

True liberty does violence to self and, like Christ, who disregarded that he was sovereign becomes a slave to serve others.

~Oscar Romero

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