

- 1 On 24th March 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was celebrating Mass in his cathedral when he was shot dead. He was archbishop of San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador, a country in Central America - ruled by an extreme right-wing government, backed by the army, and well-known for repressing and torturing and murdering its citizens.
- 2 Six days later, on 30th March, thousands attended Archbishop Romero's funeral, gathering in the square in front of the cathedral. Even there, at the funeral of the murdered Archbishop, 20 people were shot dead by the army, despite the international news media who were present to report whatever they saw.
- 3 *Let us pray:*

**Lord, we bring before you  
all who are imprisoned unjustly  
and all who are tortured.  
We think of those people who live in fear  
of injustice and repression.  
We pray that the minds of those  
who abuse others  
may be turned  
to what is good and honourable.  
May those of us who live in freedom  
not take our heritage for granted,  
but be of good influence  
in leading others  
to value one another  
as brothers and sisters.  
Amen.**

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to research this topic further.

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