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Appeal from Caritas Norway - Earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On Friday 28 March, a massive earthquake struck Myanmar and Thailand. The quake has led to major destruction: Homes, buildings, schools, monasteries, churches and hospitals have collapsed.

Preliminary reports show that more than a thousand people have lost their lives, but unfortunately we must expect the death toll to rise. Many are still missing, thousands are injured and hundreds of thousands are affected in various ways.

Before the earthquake, many of them were already living in a vulnerable situation due to conflict, poverty and instability.

In the midst of this tragedy, the Church is present. The Catholic Church in Myanmar is already engaged in emergency relief work, and Caritas is also providing aid in Thailand. Through the Church, help is reaching out, even where others cannot.

We encourage all believers to pray for those who are affected and for all volunteers and staff who bring help.

We also encourage everyone who can to support Caritas' relief work via **VIPPS to 91895 - mark the gift "Myanmar"**.

May God, the source of all comfort, strengthen and sustain our brothers and sisters in their distress - and inspire us to mercy and hope.

Caritas Norway

Prayer suggestions:

L: Let us pray for all those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand - for those who have lost loved ones, for those who are injured, homeless or living in fear. We pray to the Lord...

L: We pray for the church's relief workers, may you give them strength and hope in their work of serving their fellow human beings. We pray to the Lord...