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Dear parishes,

Many of you have shown commitment and support to the victims in Myanmar, both through prayer and donations.

As of 2 April, more than 2,000 people have been confirmed dead, nearly 4,000 are injured and several hundred are still missing. The Church in Myanmar is contributing to the best of its ability, but the effort is demanding due to destroyed infrastructure, lack of fuel and electricity, and high insecurity in the areas. In Mandalay, there are still power cuts, making it impossible for many to access water. Tens of thousands have been displaced and lack safe shelter, clean water and good sanitation - increasing the risk of disease outbreaks.

Caritas Norway co-operates with the Church of Myanmar, which is one of the largest civilian structures in Myanmar, and the Church is now contributing with relief work in the hardest hit areas: Mandalay, Sagaing, Shan and Bago. Many Christians, Muslims and Buddhists are now seeking refuge in our churches and open spaces. The Church has carried out rapid needs assessments and is coordinating the emergency aid. The aid provided includes food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene items and protection.

We ask you all to keep the dead and the injured in your prayers. Pray also for anyone who has lost a loved one, their home or their livelihood.

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Prayer for the earthquake victims in Myanmar

Merciful God,
you who see those who suffer and hear every cry for help,
we lift our hearts to you for the people of Myanmar.
We pray for all those who have lost their homes, their loved ones and
their security.
give them comfort in sorrow, strength in weakness and hope in
darkness.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you who have experienced pain and fear yourself,
be close to all who suffer, and send your peace into the chaos.
Bless the aid workers and all who contribute in prayer and with gifts.

Holy Spirit,
Let your love flow through us all,
so that we never stop giving, praying and loving
for Your honour and for the sake of our sisters and brothers.

We pray for all those who have lost their lives.
Give them eternal rest,
And let the eternal light shine for them.

Holy Mary, mother of consolation,
be for Myanmar.
Pray for us all.

Amen