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MYANMAR is a multi-ethnic
state in Southeast Asia. 55 million
people live in this predominantly
Buddhist country. Only 6 per cent
of the population profess the
Christian faith.

After a long period of military
dictatorship, there have been hope-
ful democratisation processes since
2010, which were thwarted by
another military coup in 2021.
Since then, a bloody civil war has
been raging between the govern-
ment army and a broad alliance of
armed resistance groups.
These include armies of ethnic
minorities and vigilante groups of
young people. The humanitarian and
economic situation is catastrophic.
There are around three million
refugees in their own country.
Many people are desperate.

Sr Rosa Bawk Mai at St Joseph's
refugee camp in Myitkyina, Kachin
State, Myanmar. The sisters carry
out social pastoral work and are the
only help and hope for the displaced
people and the victims of the military
violence. Their work repeatedly puts
them in danger themselves.



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Our most Compassionate and Merciful Lord, We give thanks to you for all the good things we enjoy in life. All we are and all we have, we owe to you.

At the same time, teach us to remain faithful and thankful to you in difficult times also. Our life is all about giving thanks to you and praising your Holy Name no matter what situation we find ourselves in.

We kneel before you in this time of suffering. Crises and conflicts in many countries determine our lives

So many lives have perished, So many families have become displaced, So many children have become orphans So many dreams have been shattered, So many people are discouraged.

Oh Lord, listen to our prayers, Lessen our burdens, ease people's pain. Protect them from all dangers. Provide them with the things they need.

The people of Myanmar are devastated, but not destroyed, because of your protection.

Prince of Peace, have mercy on them and heal their land.

Grant them a political leadership that truly loves the country and the people. Gracious and Holy God, restore peace and justice in Myanmar.

Please do not leave the defenceless at the mercy of evil men - do not let their plans succeed.

Strengthen us all in faith, renew us in hope, and restore us in Love. We entrust Myanmar and all crisis regions to your loving care
Amen!

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