

Prayer Diary: Myanmar/Burma

10-16 September 2023



Reverend Dr Hkalam Samson

‘Unfortunately, the plight of Christians in Myanmar has worsened in the past year, having deteriorated ever since the military took control in February 2021...’ – Jim Shannon MP

‘For the Rohingya, it has been more than five years of pain, trauma, grief and displacement—five years in camps far from home, robbed of their livelihood, their education, their peace of mind and their future.’
– Rushanara Ali MP

These statements were made in April during a parliamentary debate on the human rights crisis in Myanmar/Burma. They highlight the impact that the present crisis is having on the country’s religious and ethnic minority groups – though they in no way paint a complete picture of the suffering currently being experienced in the nation. Find out more at csw.org.uk/burma

Sunday 10 September

Thank God for the UK parliamentary debate in April, which gave much-needed attention to the human rights crisis in Myanmar. Several MPs spoke out boldly against the injustices currently taking place in the country. Pray that their calls for swift and decisive action from the international community would be heeded.

Monday 11 September

‘The targeting of civilian infrastructure, including schools, hospitals and places of worship, is absolutely grotesque and appalling, and must cease immediately’ – Andrew Mitchell MP. Since the coup in 2021, the military has carried out indiscriminate airstrikes on civilian populations. Pray for an immediate and miraculous end to these atrocities.

Tuesday 12 September

‘He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind...’ (Psalm 146:7-8) Pray this verse of encouragement over the people of Myanmar.

Wednesday 13 September

Pray for the release of Reverend Dr Hkalam Samson – one of Myanmar’s most prominent Christian leaders – who was handed a six-year prison sentence in April. Reverend Samson is an outspoken voice for human rights, so we believe these unfounded charges are an attempt to silence him.

Thursday 14 September

Myanmar’s military government is cracking down on armed resistance groups, which are fighting back against the oppressive regime. Pray that the military would cease targeting vulnerable communities, that there would be no need for civilians to take up arms to defend themselves.

Friday 15 September

Today, on the International Day of Democracy, pray for a return to democracy in Myanmar. In March the military regime banned 40 political parties, including that of Aung San Suu Kyi – the country’s democratically elected leader who is currently serving a 27-year prison sentence.

Saturday 16 September

Loving heavenly Father, deliver the people of Myanmar from violence and destruction. We ask for protection for those courageously standing up to the oppressive military rule. Pour out your justice, freedom and peace on this land, we pray. Amen.