

Prayer Diary:

Myanmar/Burma

21-27 January 2024



The UN estimates that one third of the population of Myanmar/Burma is in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. But the military – which seized power on 1 February 2021 – has restricted access to much-needed aid across the country.

Almost three years since the coup took place, the military continues to carry out airstrikes and other attacks on civilian populations, particularly in the country's ethnic minority areas.

Meanwhile, nearly 1 million Rohingya refugees continue to live in overcrowded camps in Bangladesh. As long as the military holds power, they have no possibility of safe return.

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Sunday 21 January

Please pray for an end to the airstrikes and all other attacks on civilians. Pray that a comprehensive and co-ordinated global arms embargo will be implemented – leaving the military unable to continue its campaign of violence.

Monday 22 January

Pray that the Lord would expose any international business ties that are funding and resourcing the junta and its leading generals. May those ties be severed and any loopholes or workarounds they may be exploiting, closed.

Tuesday 23 January

Thank God for the work of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Myanmar, Tom Andrews. Ask God to grant him wisdom and energy as he continues his vital work. This includes keeping the ongoing crisis in Myanmar on the Human Rights Council's agenda.

Wednesday 24 January

'The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.' (Deuteronomy 28:7) Pray that the people of Myanmar would see the military scattered today.

Thursday 25 January

Reverend Dr Hkalam Samson is currently serving a six-year prison sentence on charges of unlawful association, defaming the state, and terrorism. In reality, he has been targeted because he is a vocal human rights advocate. Pray for his immediate and unconditional release.

Friday 26 January

The Free Burma Rangers carry out vital humanitarian work in Myanmar's ethnic minority areas, such as Karen and Shan states. Ask God to protect them and multiply the work of their hands.

Saturday 27 January

Lord God, as next week marks the third anniversary of the coup in Myanmar, we ask once again for breakthrough. May we see more action from the international community, and ultimately a swift end to the military's tyranny. Amen.