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Union of Myanmar

Statement of Request by the Various Christian Churches and Organizations in Myanmar

- 1) We, share the fears and serious concerns of all people in Myanmar over the Tatmadaw's control of power following the recent declaration of a one-year state of emergency in the country. We call on the Tatmadaw to immediately release President U Win Myint, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and others detained and request the pursuance of reconciliation.
- 2) The State and the people of Myanmar are making decisive actions for prevention, control, and treatment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and working tirelessly to combat the outbreak. As we combine our efforts and resources to slow the spread of the virus, we stress the importance of keeping in mind the COVID-19 health and safety protocols so that we do not lose a soul going forward.
- 3) We request all citizens of Myanmar to refrain from discrimination and the use of force among each other but instead, to take the responsibility to support each other and pledge the continuing efforts to take steps together to a brighter future.
- 4) We thank all the support received from our friends around the world who realize the potential of Myanmar to be a free, democratic, and prosperous country. We request your support to help fill the major gaps in the overall development needed for the people of Myanmar.
- 5) We call on people from all religions to bind our hearts together and remember in your prayers for our nation to attain justice and peace, as well as for development and hope. We request our fellow Christians to humble ourselves before God with an expectant heart to start fasting and prayer for our country.



Catholic Bishop Conference of Myanmar



Myanmar Council of Churches



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