

Thought for the Day – Friday 4th June 2021

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Rage, and Hope 4

Prayer for the people of Myanmar

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She writes The news of the military coup in February 2021 was devastating.

I have felt like weeping but we need to continue in hope and reach out to our colleagues and partners who are living this reality.

In solidarity and in faith I offer this prayer at a time when I am not able to speak out as I would wish for fear of putting staff partners and our programs at risk.

God whose love knows no borders,

Give us grace and courage to respond amidst strife and oppression.

Open our minds to engage with the pain borne by the people of Myanmar.

Open our eyes to see you in the troubled places of your world,

Open our arms to embrace our sisters and brothers enduring loss and hardship.

We pray for our world, our humanity, our peace.

In the pain of the tortured and in the loneliness of the refugee,

In the arrogance of the strong and in the security of the powerful,

Turn us Lord, to drink the cup of salvation

That we may die to self and live for you

Help us to remember today Lord,

That there is nothing we cannot face together in solidarity, prayer and action.

May all your children regardless of ethnic identity, creed or gender

Find dignity and life in all its fullness – for we believe in Life Before Death.
Amen

At this time we lift so many places and peoples to God. Myanmar is in the news; may we continue to pray.