

#### - UNITED IN LOVING ACTION -

# **Responsive Prayer**

#### Leader:

Creator God, maker and sustainer of mercy and hope,

We come before you today to pray for the people of Myanmar.

Today so many are suffering through war, violence, disaster and persecution.

# All:

Lord, bring your peace and comfort to the people and places of Myanmar.

# Leader:

We remember those who have lost their homes, their communities and beloved family members.

We thank you for the compassionate witness of Baptist churches in the mountains, along the rivers and in the valleys of Myanmar.

# All:

Lord, protect your people and the places they call home.

#### Leader:

We grieve with those hurt by the earthquake earlier this year, and with displaced families struggling with loss after recent floods.

#### All:

Lord, bring comfort and healing.

#### Leader:

We pray for all those who have been displaced by the war, living as refugees, on the move and in hiding. We especially remember families separated from one another.

## All:

Lord, provide safety and hope for the displaced.

By your Spirit inspire advocacy, support and welcome in other countries, and especially our own.

## Leader:

We pray for the Burmese Baptist family around the world and here in Australia. May your diverse church shine as a light, a place of fellowship and mutuality.

## All:

Lord, strengthen your church in unity and self-giving love.

## Leader:

God of justice, we long for the day when the people of Myanmar can live without fear, and when peace, freedom and flourishing will come to that beautiful land.

# All:

Lord, may your reign come, may your will be done in Myanmar.

#### Leader:

We entrust this prayer to you, God of compassion, maker and sustainer of mercy and hope.

We pray together in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffers with the oppressed and reminds us that peacemakers are the children of God.

#### All:

Amen

