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Statement : The courage of the people of Burma

The courage of the people of Burma is amazing and now they have been joined by their holy men. It is so like the rolling mass action that eventually toppled apartheid. We admire our brave sisters and brothers in Burma/Myanmar and want them to know that we support their peaceful protests to end a vicious rule of oppression and injustice.

We call on the UN and the international community to urge the military junta to release Aung San Suu Kyi and all political prisoners and detainees and to halt their violent attempts at putting down the people's protest and engage all relevant parties in a genuine process leading to true democracy.

God bless all those wonderful brave people. Victory is assured. They are on the winning side, the side of freedom, justice and democracy.



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"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God - if there is this love among you,
then all will know that you are my disciples."