

Worship Resource: Burma/Myanmar Cyclone  
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Unitarian Universalists heed wisdom from all the world's religions, recognizing that Truth is not the provenance of any culture or human epoch, but is to be found wherever and whenever women and men have attended to the promptings of the Spirit.

This week a disaster struck a southeast Asian nation that has known more than its fair share of tragedy in our era; a country caught in civil strife so overwhelming that for more than 40 years even its name – Burma or Myanmar – has been a matter of controversy. But, a country where the promptings of the Spirit have been made fully known and demonstrated by the courage and resilience of leaders like Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, by thousands of un-named citizens and, especially, by the saffron-robed Buddhist monks – images of whom we all have been touched by - refusing to abide a dictatorial regime's oppression.

Let us also heed the promptings of the spirit – particularly as expressed in the beautiful words from Buddhist tradition expressed in our hymnal – *Singing the Living Tradition*: Responsive Reading No. 498.

(Share Responsive Reading No. 498)

Yes, let us “display hearts of boundless love for all the world in all its height and depth and broad extent.” And today, especially, let us display boundless love for the 22,000 people who were killed when a cyclone struck Burma/Myanmar this past weekend, also for their families, and for the 10's of thousands more who have been displaced and are suffering.

In silence, let us hold boundless love and embrace the peace beyond understanding.

Amen.

Suggest donations to joint UUA/UUSC appeal for Burma.