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# A CALL FOR HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN MYANMAR

Nursery Garden Monastery – Plum Village Thailand, April 10, 2025

## Dear Friends,

On March 28th, a devastating earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale struck Myanmar. The regions of Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Shan, Bago, and Magway suffered severe destruction, affecting the lives of over 28 million people, including 6.7 million children. The earthquake claimed more than 3,600 lives, injured over 5,000 people, and left nearly 150 missing. Close to 49,000 homes, along with many temples and monasteries, were destroyed—most notably the Ma Soe Yein Monastery, home and practice center for 2,800 Buddhist monastics.

Upon hearing the news of the earthquake, the Plum Village Sangha practiced sitting meditation, chanting, and walking meditation to send peace and healing energy to ease the pain and loss experienced by the people of Myanmar.

Currently, millions of people in the affected areas urgently need international aid, including food, clean water, medicine, medical equipment, and essential daily supplies. In times of hardship, even a small offering is deeply meaningful—a bite of food when hungry is worth more than a feast when full. Every act of generosity, no matter how small, brings encouragement and comfort to those suffering in the earthquake zones.

In addition, the monks and nuns of Plum Village are deeply concerned and wish to support the reconstruction of Ma Soe Yein Monastery, especially as the rainy season and the traditional Rains Retreat are approaching. The goal is to help the monastics there have the minimum conditions necessary to live, practice, and serve. All the monks and nuns at the "Vườn Ươm" Monastery (The Nursery Garden), Plum Village Thailand, have offered their pocket money for one month to help share in the hardship of the earthquake victims. The Plum Village Sangha in Asia warmly invites all dear friends to contribute and support those affected by the earthquake in the spirit of compassion and solidarity. Even a handful of rice, a piece of clothing, or a single pill carries with it the warmth of human kindness and helps to ease the pain and struggles of our fellow beings on this shared planet we call home.

#### All contributions can be sent to:

[Contact or donation information will follow here]

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We shall close the donation box on **31 May 2025**.

Homage to Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva, The One Who Listens to the Cries of the World. On behalf of the Plum Village Asia Sanghas

**Bhikshu Thích Chân Pháp Anh** Abbot of Clear Sky Hamlet, Thai Plum Village