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The Buddhist religious community of Myanmar, demonstrating immense courage, has taken to the streets in peaceful protest seeking political and economic reforms.

The Buddhist monks of Myanmar are demonstrating the power of religious communities as a force for peace. I, together with the world's religious communities of all faiths, stand with the Buddhist monks of Myanmar in their peaceful protest.

The world's religious communities share the belief that we all are part of the human family and are only as secure as the most vulnerable among us. Right now, the Buddhist religious community of Myanmar faces a grave and imminent threat of violence because it chose to speak out for peace. I, together with people of faith from all over the world, their religious communities, and leaders raise our voices against violence and speak out in support of the people of Myanmar and their religious communities.

The Myanmar authorities must exercise restraint, eschew violence, and enter into peaceful dialogue with the country's religious communities and other groups.

Anders Wejryd, Archbishop and primate of Church of Sweden.