

ORATIO IMPERATA PRAYER IN TIME OF WILDFIRES

God of all creation, all the elements belong to you.
The earth, air, water and fire are yours to command.
You guarded your people Israel by night with a pillar of flame.
You sanctified the early church with tongues of fire at Pentecost.
You appeared to Moses in the burning bush, which was engulfed but not consumed.

God of wind and flame, extinguish the fires engulfing land, communities, and homes. Guard those who must flee because of the blaze, give them safety and wholeness.

Bring those who have perished home to you, grant them your perpetual peace. Protect those who battle the flames, sanctify their service and send them your Spirit.

Restore our land, our homes, our faith in your goodness,
And show us again how you bring life out of ash and dust
Give us the resources and strength, we ask, to rebuild and replant
And show us that you are the loving Creator and Savior.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.
St. Joseph, Pray for us.
All Holy Angels and Saints of God, Pray for us.