

A Prayer in Time of Flooding

Lord our God, who in times past withheld rain at the word of Your righteous prophet Elijah, stopped floodwaters in their tracks by the prayers of Your venerable monk Herman of Alaska, and kept storms at bay by the blessings of Your holy bishop John of San Francisco! Hear the humble pleas of us unworthy sinners as well during this season of heavy rains and flooding. Do not hand us over to well-deserved chastisement for our many and manifold sins, but rather have mercy on us and save us, sparing us from the unpredictable elements of nature, so we may lead lives of peace and repentance for the rest of our days. In Your love for humankind, protect us from overwhelming rain, flooding, destruction, illness, injury, disaster and sudden death, delivering us from all evil and harm, through the intercessions of our all-holy Lady Mary, the ever-virgin Birthgiver of God, and all Your saints. Amen.