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Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew sends message of support to Metropolitan Gerasimos following devastating wildfires



On 9 January 2025, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew sent a heartfelt message of support to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco in response to the devastating wildfires that have impacted his province. In his message, the Ecumenical Patriarch conveyed the sympathy of the Mother Church and his personal solidarity, offering prayers for the protection and relief of all those affected.

The message reads:

“In light of the destructive wildfire that has struck your province, we express the sympathy of the Mother Church and our personal support, praying to the Lord to protect you and your devout faithful from all calamities and to lead you swiftly to relief and recovery.”

Τῷ Σεβασμιωτάτῳ
Μητροπολίτῃ Ἁγίου Φραγκίσκου κυρίῳ Γερασίμῳ,
Εἰς Ἅγιον Φραγκίσκον.

Ἐπί τῇ πληξάσῃ τήν ὑμετέραν Ἐπαρχίαν καταστροφικῇ πυρκαϊᾷ ἐκφράζομεν τήν συμπάθειαν τῆς Μητρός Ἐκκλησίας καί τῆς ἡμετέρας Μετριότητος προσωπικῶς, δεόμενοι τοῦ Κυρίου ὅπως διαφυλάττῃ ὑμᾶς τε καί τούς εὐσεβεῖς ὑμῶν πιστούς ἀπό πάσης συμφορᾶς καί ὅπως ἐξαγάγῃ ὑμᾶς ὡς τάχιστα εἰς ἀναψυχήν.

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