



Prayers on Trusting in the Providence of God



Lord, Your providence is in even the least things, from the first thread of our life to the last and afterward to eternity. With every person, at every moment, there are more things of providence than can be counted. Lord, thank you for watching over our lives. Amen. (see *Arcana Coelestia* 5894).

O Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us minds capable of sending people into space, calculating the speed of light and inventing the microchip. But our mental ability is not only for use in this world, but so that by means of it You can lift us up into the light of heaven. Through Your gifts, we can explore our relationship with You and find fulfillment in understanding Your presence. Lord, help us not to rest on our own authority, for that is a weakness that closes down our minds. Instead, help us turn to You that all things may be revealed to us. Amen.

Father, You sent from above, You took me; You drew me out of many waters. You delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me. They were too strong for me, but You, Lord, were my support. Amen. (see Psalm 18:16-18)

O Lord, You clothe the lilies of the field, and You see the hidden needs of our bodies and our souls. Restrain our rebellious thoughts and affections, so that we may learn to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. Help us to serve You with our whole hearts, for if we trust in our own strength, we cannot be saved. Lift up Your countenance upon us, so that our hearts may open to receive the life-giving warmth of Your divine love. Clothe us with your truth, so that we may be prepared to receive You. Help us to resist our natural indifference to the things of eternal life, and receive with gladness the means of salvation from You. Amen.