

The Beauty of Trust in Divine Providence

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As our world is increasingly crowded with insecurity, instability and lethal catastrophe, people are desperately prone to sickness, misfortune, calamities, fear and anxiety. They easily become doubtful about the Providence of God. They contend that if God is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and benevolent, then why there is anguish and misery. At this stance, we must realize that our descriptions to God are true indeed. He is caring, life-giver not a divine bungler. Every happening in this world is pellucid to him. Nothing is concealed to him. But one thing we have to understand is that behind everything there is a meaning, purpose and plan of God. We read in the scripture that there are order and purpose in our existence, from him and through him and to him are all things Rom 11:36.

Every up and down in our daily life braces up to an ultimate end **being beatitude and everlasting joy**. Even death itself is a passage way to eternal life. Everything is under divine providence. **This great truth was discovered by many among whom St John Calabria is one.** St John Calabria obviously proved to the world that divine providence exists, that God is not a stranger but that he is a father to all and he is solicitous and loving to everyone. For father, John Calabria to trust in the Divine Providence is to trust in God as a father. He is a paradigm and model of trusting in Divine Providence which enabled father John Calabria to serve the poor and the destitute. He served God relentlessly and inherited the kingdom of God. Through his exemplary life John Calabria evinces two messages for us and for the whole world to trust in Gods Providence. First, we have to think of God who is a father to all of us and secondly, we have to do our part which is that of seeking first and foremost the kingdom of God and His righteousness. We need to experience God's Providence in our daily life as well as we have to serve our neighbour for whom God seems to be a stranger. It is our ineluctable mandate that we have to make the reign of God real among us only then the world will and experience God as loving and caring life giver. God will become real for all around us, alive among us and familiar with everyone's wants and needs. We must first of all trust in God's Providence and Gospels and then we should become a priceless instrument of radiating God's providence for all, just as St John Calabria became an epitome for us to be emulated in trusting Gods providence. Therefore, let us not to worry but trust in God's providence who is a tender mother to all of us. And we hear in the gospel that ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. By trusting in these words, let us pray to Him that He may provide for us our daily needs so that we will certainly accomplish the task he has passed on to us.