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**DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

*As a lasting inheritance foster trust in Divine Providence. It will always care for you like a loving mother.*

[Father Jordan, "Last Will and Testament," n. 1, in *Spiritual Diary*, 2011, p. 346]

*As for those who in the present age are rich,  
command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,  
but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

[1Timothy 6:17]

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It certainly is striking how much comes in from so many quarters—how Divine Providence helped us so that almost our whole entourage can now depart for America.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1896/07/03]

... live more from faith and trust in God and his Providence . . . Therefore acknowledge God's Providence who steers all fates.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1896/12/11]

... the encounter with Divine Providence was always God fulfilling the promises made in Scripture: "Ask and you shall receive," "Behold I am with you all days."

[Fr. Daniel Pekarske, SDS, *God's Strength Shining Through Our Human Weakness, Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism, and Spirituality*, Vol 11, p. 101]

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**Reflection Starters**

- Fr. Jordan had frequent experiences of God's Divine Providence caring for him. Have I had an experience of Divine Providence caring for me? What was it?
- While Fr. Jordan experienced personal doubts and had to face some difficult questions about the creation of the Society, he never ceased to trust in the guiding providence of God. What helps me to keep trusting in God for the guidance of my life?

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**For further reading and reflection:**

1. Fr. Stephan Horn, SDS, "Trust in Divine Providence: The Leading and Main Theme in the *Spiritual Diary* of Fr. Francis Jordan," *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 1, pp. 95-107.
2. Fr. Mario Agudelo Roldan, SDS, "Some 'essences' of our Salvatorian Perfume," *Salvatorian Key Elements*, Part 3. (See especially pp.29-31: Unshakable Trust in Divine Providence.)