

I trust in You, O Lord, for You are my God, And my times are in Your hand. Deliver me from enemies who persecute me. Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And save me for Your mercies' sake. Blessed are You, O Lord, For You have shown me marvelous kindness! Amen. (see Psalm 31:14-21)

Lord, we know that when we are in the mighty stream of Providence, You are carrying us along continually toward what is happy, no matter what the appearance is. Only those who trust in You and give You the credit for all the good things of their lives, are in this stream. O Lord, help me to grow in my trust. Amen. (see *Arcana Coelestia* 8478:4)

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.