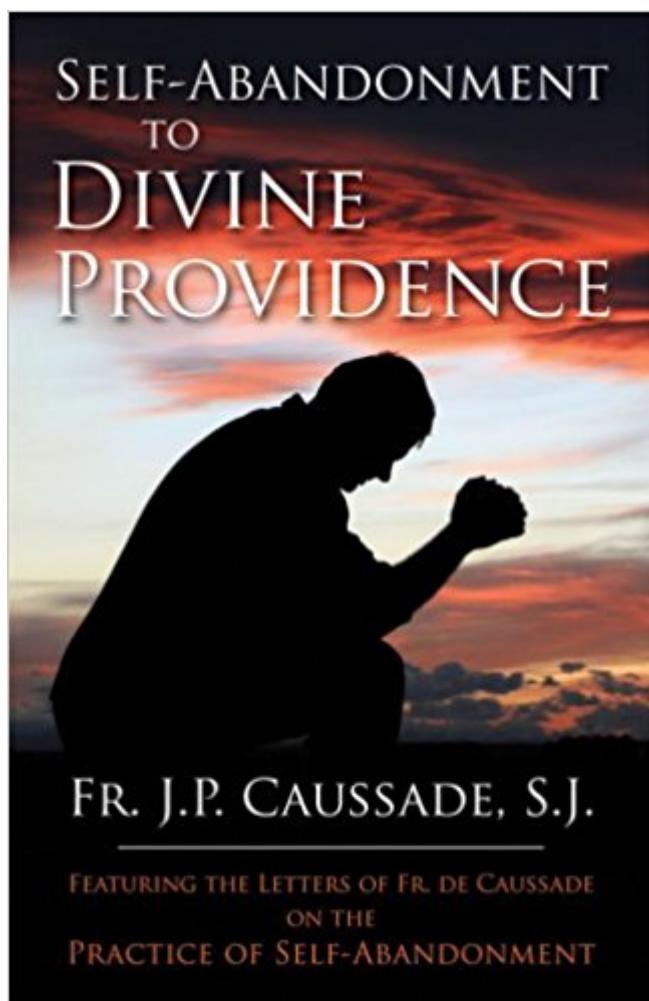


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Father Jean-Pierre de Caussade was born at Cahors, France in 1675. He is commonly recognized for his instructional letters to the Nuns of the Visitation, whom he served as a spiritual director for seven years. In addition, he spent some time preaching in southern and central France, as well as serving as a theological student director in Toulouse. Jean-Pierre also served as a college rector. He died on December 8, 1751. Father Caussade is the author of On Prayer, Abandonment to Divine Providence, A Treatise on Prayer from the Heart, and Spiritual Letters.

If you have found that you have been lacking in or feel a need to supplement your Spiritual Direction I would highly recommend this treasure. The second part of this book contains letters written by Fr. Caussade to those who had requested his spiritual advice and herein you will find the words of a man advanced in the interior life. There are over 150 letters in all. How he instructs and urges his spiritual children to complete abandonment to God and his mercy can be expressed in the following

excerpt:"Here is my answer to you, and to others like you. The keen perception of faults and imperfections is the grace suitable to this state, and it is a very precious grace. Why? First because this clear view of our miseries keeps us humble, and even sometimes inspires us with a wholesome horror and a holy fear of ourselves. Secondly, because this state, apparently so miserable and so desperate gives occasion to an heroic abandonment into the hands of God. Those who have gauged the depths of their own nothingness can no longer retain any kind of confidence in themselves, nor trust in any way to their works in which they can discover nothing but misery, self-love, and corruption. This absolute distrust and complete disregard of self is the source from which alone flow those delightful consolations of souls wholly abandoned to God, and form their inalterable peace, holy joy and immovable confidence in God only. Oh! if you but knew the gift of God, the value, merit, power, peace and holy assurance of salvation hidden in this state of abandonment, you would soon be delivered from all your fears and anxieties."He pulls no punches advising that sooner or later we must abandon ourselves to God:"Nevertheless you will, necessarily, have to come to it, at least at the hour of death; because, without an express revelation and assurance of eternal salvation, no one can be free from fear at the last moment, and therefore, every one is absolutely compelled then to abandon themselves to the very great mercy of God. "This book is great help in preparing for that "hour".

Like many of the spiritual classics this one is truly inspired and can change your life as it has mine. Like Imitation of Christ it is a book I find beneficial by reading extended sections in single sittings followed by meditating and digesting particular passages that I have highlighted over more time. I read this book in conjunction with He Leadeth Me by Walter J Ciszek, SJ - an extraordinary testament of faith by a priest who exemplified the principles found in Abandonment during his 20 years spent in the gulags of Russia.

Marvellous resource for those that seek to be one with Christ and mirror holiness and deep peace. Challenging but clear in its instruction.

This is a wonderful book if you'd like to deepen your spiritual life. Deepen it with trusting in God, it's wonderful, I highly recommend it.

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