

Prayer for the beatification of
Jean-Marie de la Mennais

O God our Father, you have given
Jean-Marie de la Mennais,
a generous heart and untiring zeal
to make your Son Jesus Christ and his Gospel
known especially to children and youth.

As we venerate him as the Founder
of two religious congregations
devoted to Christian education,
we pray to you that he may soon
be recognized blessed.

Help us follow his example
at the service of truth,
and grant us through his intercession,
the favours we are now asking...

(silent pause)
Through Jesus-Christ our Lord

O Lord Jesus, glorify your servant,
Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais

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Presentation

We are entering right into the season of **Lent**.
Each day Holy Week comes closer and at its end the
Easter rising of Jesus. "Per crucem ad lucem", as
someone once said: "Through the Cross to Light ».

Is there a better preparation to reach the Resurrection with
Jesus than to accompany him, carrying our cross each day?

This is what **Jean-Marie de la Mennais** lived and stressed: he
left us his writings and many quotations, some terse. Reading them
can help us to accept our own cross...

A suggestion ? – print this on light green paper.

To make the **Novena**, begin with the Sign of the Cross and read out the
intentions. We read the thought of the day and the prayer for beatification, with the
final invocation.- *Rome, 1st January 2008.* – Br. D.L.

INTENTIONS RECOMMENDED

* That through the example of our Founder and instructed by his words,
we carry our daily cross, as Jesus did, all the while helping others to carry
theirs.

* For those young persons who feel called by God to follow Christ
Christ, as Brothers of Christian Instruction.

* For the sick recommended to our prayers:

- Julián Castro, 4 yrs: congenital illness (Luján de Cuyo-Arg.)
- Mr. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté(Canada)
- Walter Sayavedra, who disappeared 9 years ago (Córdoba-Argentine)
- Teihotu TAMARII, student in Tahiti.
- Daniel Pérez, seriously ill (Buenos Aires- Argentine).
- Dominique BLIN, nephew of Br. Michel (France).
- Mora Bernard, leukemia; pupil of C.C.C. (Buenos Aires)
- Sofía Cuevas: serious pancreatic problems, etc. (V.G.G.- Arg.)
- Michele Forino, with a blood disorder (Castelgandolfo-Italie)

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- Add local intentions.....



**The Cross, source of our salvation,
From the words of
JEAN- MARIE DE LA MENNAIS**

✠ 18th – III

* Plant the cross in the depths of our soul; place it with some force so that his holy foot crushes all earthly affections, all thoughts of vain glory etc., which come up endlessly.

- *The Cross embraces all we should know and reveals all we need to practise.*

✠ 19th - III

* This book – the Cross-, is nothing like other books written or explained by men with so much pain; this one is open to all, and anyone can read in it in some way, the secrets of God without any need of the mind to understand them.

- *By looking at the cross, the least among the faithful can see immediately just how much God loves him.*

✠ 20th – III

* Know only one thing: Jesus, and Jesus crucified; If we are despised, insulted persecuted, this is unimportant, we should rejoice at such treatment.

- *If God allows us some days of trial and sadness let us say again : This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.*

✠ 21st – III

* The Cross, the cross...this speaks volumes. It is so beautiful that it has conquered both the wise and the ignorant. It is so strong that the whole earth has been won over.

- *O Cross, divine cross! If we met the twelve apostles, to spread the cross over the world ...the world itself would throw itself at your feet.*

✠ 22nd – III

- My Brothers! Would you want to snatch from my hands victory over the world? Would you prevent me conquering what Jesus Christ has conquered? He has triumphed through humiliation, through his cross ...

- *...And you Brothers, you claim that the world praises you ? You blush wearing this cross on your chest? You seem to worry that it is seen at school! It is only because of the cross that you are great!. Without it you are as nothing.*

✠ 23rd – III

* Paul,- the great Apostle-, coming down from the third heaven he said he knew only one concern, Jesus and Jesus crucified; these few words contained in shortened form all his preaching and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- *Do not be surprised, my Brothers, since in effect the message of the cross contains all we need to know and reveals all that we should practice..*

✠ 24th – III

* After all, we are the followers of that Jesus who lived poor, who was humiliated and condemned to the Cross; We must be happy if God calls us to carry this image of his divine Son, betrayed, offended, crucified..

- *My children there still remains for us the martyrs' palms, the proclaiming of the faith, apostolic zeal ; these have not all been exhausted, there is some left for us.*

✠ 25th – III

* After all, whoever does not know how to deny himself a little, what does he know of the way of salvation? How can he believe he is a true disciple of Jesus crucified ?

- *O my Saviour, what does it matter if I carry a heavy cross provided that I die in your love and in your arms ?*

✠ 26th - III

* I am shown the Cross and am told : Flee ! No, I will not flee. I will lead from the front bearing the cross, since I have been saved by the Cross. O Cross, my one hope! O divine Cross, I embrace you ; it is on the cross that I wish to die .

- *When you feel troubled cast your eyes on your crucifix and, having recalled what your Saviour suffered for you, take courage yourself to undergo suffering on account of his love.*