

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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**NOVENA to J. M. de la Mennais", n°10 -Rome 1-VII-2009**

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## ***Novena to J.M. de la Mennais***

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### **Presentation**

The month of July is no doubt one of the most free of the year in regard to scholarly activities : summer vacations in the north, winter in the south.

The ordinary activities diminishing we dispose more freely of our time, it is a rest well deserved. What about the spiritual activities? On a protestant church we could read: "Closed for the holidays". But **God is always our reference:** in work, in rest, in activities, and in spare time. This is why, even in vacation time we make our monthly novena. We propose as theme, **PRAYER**, a fitting theme for this period. The thoughts of Jean-Marie will help us greatly.

*\* Nota Bene. Not for vacation reasons, but for other activities concerning the Postulation effort, we leave the August novena to the initiative of each and every one. We do not doubt that this will be easy for all of you..... and we recommend ourselves to every one's prayers.*

- Suggestion ? – Print this novena in light blue..

*Rome, 1st July 2009. - F. D.L.*

### **RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS**

\* So that we may always be united with God through prayer and so that we can live in a personal climate and conditions that facilitate it.

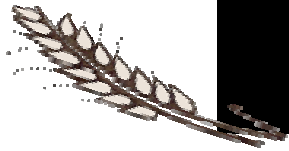
\* For those young persons who feel called by God to follow Christ as Brothers of Christian Instruction.

\* For the sick recommended to our prayers:

- Mr. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté (Canada)
- Walter Sayavedra, who disappeared 9 years ago (Córdoba-Argentina)
- 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)
- Michele Forino, with a blood disorder (Castelgandolfo-Italy)
- Natalia Cubillo (Madrid – Spain)
- Augustín Martín (Buenos Aires -. Argentina)
- Luis Fernando Nogales, with a cerebral tumour.- San Borja (Bolivia)
- Marino Moretto, from Roncade (Treviso – Italy)

**- And local intentions.....**

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# JEAN MARIE DE LA MENNAIS, “Master of Prayer” His words

## ✠ The 18 – VII

\* Brothers, if in the Ancient Alliance, prayer was so powerful, how much more will it be in the New, since Jesus-Christ consecrated it in a special manner and that **our prayers are so intimately united to His own** that we form but one voice with Him!

- *What is praying in the name of Jesus? – It is the desire that **nothing will be an obstacle** to the grand work of Jesus Christ, that is, to our justice and our salvation, the unique object of His incarnation and death.*

## ✠ The 19 - VII

\* In the union with God, principle of all light, of all wisdom, of all life, we shall find our consolation, our joy, our strength.

- *My God and my all ! I want my soul **to know you and love you** always. May my consciousness of you be eternally alive.*

## ✠ The 20 – VII

\* Do not be troubled by the temptations that you experience involuntarily, they are the trials that God sends you to humiliate you and to help you understand the need that you have of **his grace** to sustain you and the vigilance needed so as not to falter.

- *Prayer and constant vigilance: are the two weapons with which you will combat the attacks of the **enemy of salvation**, of this roaring lion, as Scripture calls it, that seeks who it will devour.*

## ✠ The 21 – VII

\* **Love and your prayer will be easy:** love and all your desire and all your joy will be to pray in order to love more.

- *When the soul is dry and sorrow overwhelms it, one must go to the Garden of Olives, to kneel next to Jesus Christ, take the chalice that is offered and say : ‘My Father, not my will but yours be done.’*

## ✠ The 22 – VII

\* The person absent-minded of God is also absent-minded of his soul, which in one way is present only **when he communicates with God.**

- *We present ourselves before God with a spirit occupied by **all that is not God**, with a heart empty of love. Because we obtain no fruit from prayer which is more an injury than an homage rendered to the supreme majesty, we conclude immediately that the prayer is useless.*

## ✠ The 23 – VII

\* When God appears to turn his back on us, he is nevertheless not less near to us. Certainly we do not see him, but he is **next to us** to save us and defend us.

- *My God! **Give me the heart of all men** to love you for all. This is not enough, I wish to love you with all the angels.*

## ✠ The 24 – VII

\* Let us not be satisfied to offer our actions to God in the morning. Let us renew often during the day the souvenir of his presence and let us ensure that **our conversation is in heaven.**

- *We shall thus make our prayers with fervor. We shall shake our lukewarmness and **in union with God**, principle of all light, of all wisdom, of all life we shall find our consolation, joy and strength.*

## ✠ The 25 – VII

\* Let us think often of God during our contacts with persons, let us recollect ourselves to pray in secret, but without tension, without painful effort , **with a grand simplicity of love.**

- ***Place yourself humbly at his feet**, ask him to change your spirit, to cloth you, to penetrate you with his spirit and to teach you to be humble of heart so that you will find rest for your soul.*

## ✠ The 26 - VII

\* **Ask this for yourself.** Ask God especially that you nourish yourself of his will and that your heart repeats continually the « Fiat » of resignation: this « Amen » of love that is the eternal cry of the angels and the best prayer that we can make in this world.

- ***Adieu, my dear son**, may the holy will of God be made! Let us repeat these beautiful and moving words of our Savior. Father, not as I wish but as you desire. **I have nothing more to say.***