

Prayer for the beatification of  
**John Mary de la Mennais**

O God our Father, you have given  
John -Mary 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 John Mary de la Mennais

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***Novena to J.M. de La Mennais***

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For the Novena of this month of December, when we observe the **150th anniversary of the death of Venerable Jean- Marie Robert de la Mennais**, we have chosen a theme that was the motive force of his life. He was **always ready to listen to God and to men**. May the reading of his thoughts help us also to have this same attitude.

*And the number of persons recommended to his intercession is always increasing!!!*

A suggestion ? – Print this small Sheet in pink colour.

*Rome, 1 Décembre 2010. –Bro. D.L.*

**RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS**

\* That we, on listening to what Jean-Marie tells us and following his example, always listen to the voice of God and to others.

\* For young people who feel called to follow Christ as Mennaisian Brothers.

\* **For the sick recommended**

- Romain Delenne, 6 years; canalisation of his energy (Oppede – Fr.)
- \* Mr. Godin, on the request of Brother. Albert Côté(Canada).
- Teihotu TAMARII, pupil of Tahiti.
- \* Natalia Cubillo, a cancer case (Madrid- Spain).
- Adela Pertierra: affection of the throat. Nanclares de la Oca (Spain).
- Gonzalo Tolosa: hemiplegia – Buenos Aires /Argentina).
- \* Patrick Lebeau: tumour in the oesophagus (France).
- Father Nicolas Guillou.- Fougères (France).
- \* M<sup>a</sup>.Carmen Vélez Martín: tumour in the stomach. Aguilar de Campóo (Spain).
- Olivier Meunier (12 years): amyotrophitis of the spinal cord (Canada).
- \* José Antonio García Martínez, with multiple sclerosis - Bilbao (España).
- Guadalupe Morales: congenital osteoarthritis -Luján de Cuyo (Argentina).
- \* Jules X.X. : (child of 27 months): tumour of the right eye (France)
- Luz María Land: stricken by a cancer - Reinosa (Spain)
- \* Marcos Minetti: leukaemia – Luján de Cuyo - Mendoza (Argentina)
- Bro. Louis Le Guichet : backache - Béthanie (France)
- \* Clara García Roig: une intention spéciale.- Buenos Aires (Argentine)
- H<sup>o</sup>. Pierre Tousigant: seriously ill with cancer.- Canada.
- \* Mercedes A.Alvarez, advanced cancer.- Luján de Cuyo-Mendoza (A)
- Jeannine Robert, sister of Bro. Jean Malo: distorting arthritis (Fr.)
- \* Itaata TEIKITUNAUPOKO, a cancer case .- Iles Marquises
- \* Julián Castro, a child: with spinal column problems (Luján de Cuyo.( Mza.A)
- Khalid Sid Imorou: brain tumour - Parakou- Benin (Africa)
- \* Fernand Lefrere, father of Brothers Daniel and Régis Lefrere.(France)
- \* ... **And those placed on the tomb of Jean-Marie, at Ploërmel, as well as the local intentions.**



**LISTENING TO GOD  
AND TO PEOPLE**  
**Words of Jean- Marie de la Mennais**

**Dec. 18-XII-2010**

\* I have offered to God my wealth, my time, my freedom, my reputation my body, my soul, my life : I have given him everything, yes, **everything without any exception.**

- *May the Lord do with me and all that belongs to me what is his good pleasure. I have now no other thought nor desire but that of contributing to his Glory, to the limit of my own means and strength.*

✠ **Dec. 19-XII-2010**

\* A Christian, and all the more, a religious, must see and judge everything **under the light of Faith.**

- *Happy those who, docile to the Lord's inspirations, persevere till the end, and full of courage, say as S. Paul said, "Forgetting what is behind, I throw myself forward, I hasten to reach the goal", so as to merit the reward of my heavenly vocation.*

✠ **Dec. 20-XII-2010**

\* The Lord's work does not depend upon one person or another, it rather depends upon God himself, and it is in Him that we must put all our trust.

- *Let go of yourself to the Lord. He will sustain you, bless you, reward you abundantly for all the sacrifices you will have offered to Him.*

✠ **Dec. 2-XII-2010**

\* May God's Will be done ! My soul is torn... I try to rekindle it at the foot of the Cross. O Lord, **not what I want but what You want !** Look upon my broken heart, at the foot of your Cross...!

- *Have only one desire, that of fulfilling God's will that is made known to you through your superiors, and of meriting the joys of Heaven.*

✠ **Dec. 22-XII-2010**

\* A true Christian desires only to accomplish God's will. And far from being irritated and discouraged at the sight of the Cross, **he rather embraces it with love.**

- *What are a few years of patience and trials if through them we merit that God will show himself to us, face to face, without veil ?*

✠ **Dec. 23-XII-2010**

\* When will we become totally abandoned to God ? Why are we keeping on refusing him the little sacrifices he is asking from us ?

- *May the Lord make you men according to his own heart: devoted to his Church, detached from themselves, poor in spirit, humble, zealous, ready to tackle any task, and suffer anything for his Glory.*

✠ **Dec. 24-XII-2010**

\* Do not consider people, things or events in a purely natural way – which is quite misleading. Consider everything under the sight of eternity, God's own light, and judge things **as God would judge them.**

- *That we are assigned here or there , alone or with other brothers is of no great importance, if it is where God wants you to be.*

✠ **Dec. 25-XII-2010**

\* Times are difficult but let us not be disheartened : the good Lord is protecting us. Let us work with great zeal for his Glory.

- *The Brothers, conscious of the nobility and holiness of their mission, will neglect nothing so as to fulfil it well. No sacrifice, even that of one's own life, must seem too demanding.*

✠ **Dec. 26-XII-2010**

\* Do not be afraid of difficulties. You will find them everywhere. The best thing is **to see them and overcome them.**

- *Nothing should impede your courage when defending **truth, thing more precious than your own life.** You may be affected by some people who persecute it, but be confident : Jesus-Christ has won over the world.*