

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
known and loved especially by the 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 as 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

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For this month we have chosen as a subject of reflection,

**«Jesus-Christ, centre of the life of
John Mary de la Mennais ».**

From his first years,-from the First Communion, Jean-Marie personally made an option for Jesus: *“To make him known, to make him loved”* that was the ideal of his life.

It is the same ideal that he has left to us, we “Mennaisians”. His example and words could help us to realise it.

A suggestion? – This month, print it in blue..

Rome, Mars 2011. – Bro. D.L.

RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS

- * That by listening to the words of Jean-Marie and by following his example, we make **JESUS the centre of our life**: Let's follow him.
- * 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).
 - Olga Ansaldo, in a bad state of health - Villa Gdor.Gálvez (Argentina)
 - * 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).
 - 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 LAVID, tricken 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^o. 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 .- Marquisas Islands
 - * 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)
 - Pia Martina, a little girl in danger of death.- Villa Gdor Gávez (A)
 - * **And those placed on the tomb of Jean-Marie, at Ploërmel, as well as the local intentions.**



**JESUS-CHRIST, CENTRE OF THE LIFE OF
JOHN MARY DE LA MENNAIS:
His words**

18-III

* No one will enter the bosom of God unless he has previously become like Jesus Christ, his Son. God has placed all his complacency in his Son, as He himself said.

- To raise these poor creatures to himself, he must find in them all the traits, that is, the **living image of the One** that he engendered from all eternity.

19 -III

* Yes, my brothers, if faith is not yet extinguished in your hearts, they will be tormented by remorse when they have the misfortune of offending **this Jesus who died so that they might have life.**

- Let each of us say: I have been the murderer of my God. I built a cross in my barbarous heart and with my own hands drove the nails that crucified my Jesus! **And he is the one who offers me pardon...** I hear, I hear his voice calling me... He asks me to throw myself into his merciful bosom.

20 -III

* When God wants our sanctification, it is as if he said that he **wants to find in us the perfections of his Son:** that we be, as much as our human weakness allows, clothed with Jesus Christ, as the Apostle says.

- Let us follow Jesus in all his ways... let us judge all things as he judges them... love what he loves... scorn what he scorns... detest what he detests.

Le 21 -III

* Never cease to enter into details and compare **the sentiments of Jesus** with our sentiments, our conduct with His.

- Jesus Christ never ceased to seek the glory of his Father in all his actions ... In contrast, are not our actions like those of whom it is sometimes written: They seek their own interests and not those of Christ?

22 – III

* I can only be a saint in so much as I imitate Jesus Christ and that I put into practice the truths that he has **taught me** and the virtues of which he is a **model.**

- Let us enter the narrow way of **Jesus Christ** and that the saints followed before us: it is the only road that leads to heaven.

23 – III

* ...Whatever happens, let us be resigned to the holy will of God and accept no other; it is only when he submitted to the harshest sufferings, to the cruellest agonies that Jesus Christ said: **"Father, your will be done and not mine."**

- As long as you are in the order of Providence, there where God wants you, be happy and ask for no more. Meditate on these reflections **at the foot of your crucifix...** and interior peace will rapidly be reborn in your troubled and worried soul.

24- III * Have **Jesus Christ as model...** love the nakedness of the stable, the swaddling cloth of the crib, the thorns of the crown, the gall of his chalice and the wood of the cross. These are my wishes and gifts that I extend to you.

- Rather than complaining and murmuring when they lack something, let them mortify their desires and rejoice that they **experience some of the traits of Jesus Christ, poor and denuded at the crib as on the cross.**

25 - III * Let us bless the Lord and carefully profit from the numerous and precious help that he grants us so that we might progress in the knowledge and **love of Jesus Christ.**

- Rekindle your piety at this season of the year; contemplate what our Saviour has done for you and learn from his example what you should do for Him.

26 -III

* To be truly a saint, it is sufficient to take **Jesus Christ as model** and become like Him. Let us see only our divine Master; seek Him alone and live in his adorable heart: there is our place of rest.

- O my friend! Let us lift our heart and our hope toward the eternal dwelling where Jesus Christ has opened the door for us.