

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 subject of reflection,

**Jean- Marie de la Mennais was a man full of kindness**

We have all known or we know men and women who are “good”... They are a gift from God. Saint Joseph is one of them Also Jean-Marie de la Mennais. All the Brothers went to him for confession.. The words and the example of Jean -Marie de la Mennais will help us...

A suggestion? -Print, this month, in sky-blue.

*Rome , on 1<sup>st</sup> Jules 2011. - Br. D.L.*

**RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS**

\* That by reading the words of Jean.Marie, we penetrate the meaning of kindness and live it in our thoughts, words and actions.

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

**\* For the sick recommended**

- Shelbie Civil: 16 years, with brain tumour.- La Vallée (Haiti).

\* *Fernando Nogales: brain tumour.- San Borja (Bolivia).*

- Romain Delenne, 6 years; canalisation of his energy (Oppede – Fr.)

\* Mr. Godin, on the request of Brother. Albert Côté( Canada ).

\* 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 sclerose - Bilbao (España).

- Guadalupe Morales: congenital osteoarthritis -Luján de Cuyo (Argent.)

\* 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.)

\* Julián Castro, a child: with spinal column problems(Luján de C.( Mza.A)

- Khalid Sid Imorou: brain tumour - Parakou- Benin (Africa)

\* Fernand Lefrere, father of Brothers Daniel and Régis Lefrere.(France )

- Pía Martina, a little girl in danger of death.- Villa Gdor Gávez (A)

\* Ken Latos, Saskatoon , third recurrence of Non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

- David Hillbom, Regina, advanced stage of a form of ALS, Progressive Muscular Atrophy.”

• **And those placed on the tomb of Jean-Marie, at Ploërmel, as well as the local intentions.**

## JEAN MARIE DE LA MENNAIS, A MAN FULL OF KINDNESS His words



18th

\* I want to see my children full Of charity and understanding towards their brothers, that they excuse them rather than accuse them.

- *May fraternal love reign between all the members of the Institute, particularly among those of the same community. That each one may rejoice at the joy of others, and suffer from their sorrows.*

19th

\* I have the sweet confidence that none of you will stop being exemplary to all those with whom you meet. Above all, may a great charity and a perfect unity reign among you.

- *Avoid carefully all that leads to quarrels, any words that are rude, bitter or full of reproach, any sign of impatience or rejection. Speak to one another with unalterable kindness.*

20th

\* Each one has his own limitations : we see the ones of others but we must not forget our own and what the Apostle reminds us : « Carry one another's burden », and this way, we will fulfil the command of the Lord.

- *Nobody is perfect. And the worse vice of all would be to expect from others more virtue than we ourselves possess.*

21st

\* We must pity those who are doing evil and pray for them, but without letting ourselves being irritated by their ingratitude and injustice.

- *Remain calm in all your actions, and kind in all your words, whatever mistakes may have been done against you : know how to suffer as a true Christian.*

22nd

\* Instead of unloading your work on others, strive to help one another, and commit yourself with the purest joy in the tasks that you find most difficult.

23rd

\* It is through your humility, your patience, your kindness that you will succeed. These are your arms.

- *The brothers must be full of both gentleness and firmness, tolerating no disorder, but neither scolding or punishing students out of whim or bad temper.*

24th

\* The small irritations of character that occur, I would say, every moment of the day, may cause many hurts. We need the **oil of charity** to heal them.

- *Carry one another's burdens. In all occasions, act together with sincere charity, as would the members of the same body, of the **same family**.*

25th

\* Remember well that we must carry one another's burdens, and that ours may be, without our knowing it, the heaviest to carry.

- *Do not allow in your presence conversations that would hurt charity or alter the respect due to those in function of authority, even if they were to make mistakes... Who has never made a mistake ? And what superior is totally exempt of errors?*

26th

\* Do not attach any importance to the words that were reported to you, do not either hold a grudge against those who reported them. God will bless you for that little sacrifice you are making to please him.

- *I recommend you anew to be full of compassion for your brothers, yes, for all of them without exception, even for those about whom you would have reason to complain.*