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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The theme for reflection this month is:

#### "Jean Marie de la Mennais? A man in the hands of God »

Jean - Marie spent 80 years of his life at the service of Jesus, doing good for other. May his words and the example of his life stimulate us anew to work for Christ and for the good of others.

Rome, September, 2012 - Br. D.L.

#### RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS

- \* That by reading Jean-Marie's thoughts and following his examples, we may also burn with zeal to make the Lord's kingdom come and work at the service of others.
- \* For the young people who feel called to follow Jesus as Mennaisian Brothers

#### \* For the sick people asking for our prayers:

- \* Fernando Nogales : malignant tumor. San Borja (Bolivia).
- \* Mr. Godin, requested by Br. Albert Côté (Canada).
- \* Natalie Cubillo, with cancer (Madrid Spain).
- Patrick Lebeau, tumour in the esophagus (France).
- José A. García Martínez, multiple sclerosis- Bilbao (Spain).
- Bro. Louis Le Guichet, spinal problems Nantes (France)
- Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo: deforming arthritis- France.
- \* Lesage Dessalines, in a coma, nephew of Bro. Lamy D. (Haiti)
- Rafael Gómez: 10 y. old, lymphatic cancer
- Khalid Sid Imorou: brain tumor.- Parakou- Benin (Africa).
- \* Romina Campostrini, lung problems Villa Gdor. Gálvez (Argentina).
- \* Br. Andrés Pérez, complex cancer (Bolivia)
- Grace Nabagala, breast cancer, Masaka (Úganda).
- \* Scholastica Bonabaana, heart problems Fort-Portal (Uganda)
- John Paul LUWAGA: for success in his studies.- Uganda
- \* Stephen Louis KABITO, deaf and mute child .- Uganda
- \* Shelbie Civil : 16 years ole, malignant tumour.- La Vallée (Haïti).
- David Hillbom,- progressive ALS, Regina, Sask. (Canada)
- \* M. Maurice Fournier, cancer of the throat.- Nouveau Brunswik- Canadá
- René Rojas: serious motor accident. Reconquista (Argentina)
- \* Clara García Roig: special intención.- Buenos Aires (Argentina).
- Luisa Aresti: Cerebral trombosis.- Roma (Italia)
- \* Leticia de Calcagno. Cererbro tumor.- Buenos Áires (Argentina)
- \*... And the intentions placed on the tomb of the Father at Ploërmel...
- \* And for all the intentions particular to your own place.

## JEAN MARIE DE LA MENNAIS A MAN IN THE HANDS OF GOD His Words

Sept. 18

\* Let us rely only on the Lord. Let us attach ourselves to **God Alone**. Let us desire the fulfilment of his Will, which is always just, holy, and merciful.

\* Let us remain faithful even in the smallest things, but without worry nor undue scruples. As far as we are in the **Order of the Providence**, what else do we need?

## **Sept. 19**

- \* The act of abandoning yourself to the adorable Will of God is the act that you must repeat most often. Sometimes, when you fell like it, you can say this prayer:
- \* "My God, look upon the poor state of my soul and free her... I have fallen into a bottomless abyss... Listen to me, O Lord, because **your Will is compassionate**. Look upon me, in the abundance of your mercy."

## Sept 20

- \* How much better it is to rest quietly in the hands of God and find happiness in the fulfilment of the duties his Providence has laid upon us!
- \* Let us be eaten by Providence. We would be unworthy to be his instruments if we would not put our entire will into his own Will, without reserving anything.

## **Sept. 21**

- \* O my God, may your Will become always mine! I have but one desire, that of never putting up any resistance to what you are asking. I give my whole self to you, do with me, your miserable creature, what pleases you.
- \* I am not the master of myself. And the interests of the diocese... force me to put any other consideration aside. This is a sacrifice that I add to many others, and I cannot express properly to you how painful it is to me.

### **Sept. 22**

\* We must put everything at the foot of our crucifix and offer ourselves to our good Master whose glory we are striving to achieve in all things. And most of all, let us always repeat these beautiful and moving words: **Father, not my will but yours.** 

\* God will provide all the external help you might need. You only have to pray and continue praying... Then put your will totally into his divine Will. Plunge into it to the point that you will feel lost in it.

### **Sept. 23**

- \* Be always resigned to His holy Will, willing only what God wants, and willing it for ever, in all things and without any reserve. This is the Kingdom of God for whose coming you pray when you recite your Our Father.
- \* Think that, in these circumstances and in all others, we must only look for the greatest glory of God, and never try to satisfy our own natural inclinations.

### **Sept. 24**

- \* My dear friend, it never happened to me and, with God's grace, I hope it will never happen that I worry myself for something that does not depend on me. A simple "**God wants it**" is enough for me.
- \* I give thanks to God who has inspired in you this so perfect resignation to his divine will and I ask him, with all my heart, that he deepen in you these feelings so fitting to a true religious.

## **Sept. 25**

- \* At this moment, at the foot of my crucifix, I take the pledge to fulfil until the end all the duties the Lord entrusted to me. And most of all, self-abnegation.
- \* **Providence of my God!** ... Make of us all that you Will. We have no other desire that to fulfil your will in all things: in humiliation and in honours, in life and in death.

## Sept. 26

- \* Do not worry about my health: it is improving day by day. But pray God that he give it back to me for his glory. I only wish to **conform to his Divine Will.**
- \* Farewell, my friend. Pray for me. In particular ask the Lord to nourish me of his divine Will and make my heart always repeat this "Amen" of love, which is the eternal song of the angels and the most beautiful prayer we can express in this world.