

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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**Dear Brothers and Friends of Jean- Marie:**

With the grace of God  
we have started a new year. May He accompany and bless us also  
in this one as "Mennaisians." We do not have time to prepare a  
number of our magazine; we will send you the newsletter.

**Thank you for your prayers!**

Theme of the Novena of January: **"Obedience."** Ours!, following Jesus and the  
Venerable Jean-Marie. de la Mennais. Bro. Delfin López

### RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS

- \* So that, encouraged by the example of Jesus, obedient unto death,-and  
the words and the example of **Jean-Marie**, we live, we also, in obedience.\*.
  - \* 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.
    - *Khalid Sid Imorou: brain tumor.- Parakou- Benin (Africa)*.
  - \* *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
  - \* Clara García Roig: special intención.- Buenos Aires (Argentina).
    - *Luisa Aresti: Cerebral trombosis.- Roma (Italia)*
  - \* Leticia de Calcagno. Cerebro tumor.- Buenos Aires (Argentina) .
    - *Hortense de VIGNERAL: a little girl; deformed liver.- Savenay (F)*
  - \* Br. Louis Le Roux: cancer of the kidney. From Haïti , hospitalised in France
    - Hioatua KIIPUHIA, Seminarist: cerebral lesions-Tahiti, from Marquesas Islands
  - \* Christine KOLA, Sister of Providence of St André, Sotouboa, Togo.
  - \* *José A. Estébanez Rozas, nephew of Bro. G. Rozas hepatic tumour (Santander-E)*
- ... 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...

### HIS FILIAL OBEDIENCE The Founder's Words



#### ✘ Jan 18.

\* Do not worry about being sent to a different place. Rather fulfill your responsibilities in peace and simplicity, wherever obedience has put you. Rely on God's help because, by doing so, you are acting in accordance with his divine Will.

- *Do not heed the advices of those who try to entice you from the ways obedience has shown you. You were able to come out victorious from such a painful experience : persevere till the end, and remain attentive not to lose the crown you have won.*

#### ✘ Jan. 19

\* Perfection consists, particularly for you, in doing with love, simplicity and unmovable peace everything that obedience asks of you.

- *Consider your superior as your father. If sometimes he does not agree with you, it is painful for him too, and he does it only when he has serious reasons to do so, reasons that you may ignore and that force him to act in that way.*

#### ✘ Jan. 20

\* The most complete and religious obedience is quite necessary if you want order, charity and peace to reign in your community.

- *Religious obedience consists in the submission of his own mind more than in the exterior conformity of his actions to the will of the superiors.*

#### ✘ Jan. 21

\* That you are put at one place or another, alone or with somebody else is of no great importance if you believe firmly that this is what the Lord wants from you.

- *All your actions must be sanctified by obedience ; indeed they would not be pleasing to God if you acted outside the rules that were prescribed to you.*

#### ✘ Jan. 22

\* God will bless your obedience and later on, you will feel grateful that you had remained within the Order of the Providence.

- *I see that you are suffering deeply. But you could recover your inner peace if only you had no other will than that of doing God's will manifested through your superiors.*

#### ✘ Jan. 23

\* Wait in peace for God's own time ; in obedience, you can get as much merit as you would through your actions, and even greater, because your own desires are not satisfied.

- *A superior is always entitled to respect and obedience, not only externally but obedience of the mind, even when you notice in him many errors and limitations. **It is not to a man that we obey but to God.***

#### ✘ Jan. 24

\* **Humility is the mother of obedience**, and mother and daughter are inseparable. So to maintain obedience among us, we must become very humble.

- *May we always desire what God wants ; may we always desire it together and for ever.*

#### ✘ Jan. 25

\* Nowhere will you be more secure than where obedience has sent you. If this is contrary to your own wishes, it is a better reason then to expect more particular graces from the Lord.

- *Live without too much foresight and desire to do nothing but what God wants from you. Rejoice to possess the assurance of doing always his adorable will when you enact what the superiors ask you to do.*

#### ✘ Jan. 26

\* **Walk with simplicity** on the humble road of obedience. You will never be more secure than where obedience has sent you.

- *Be perfectly resigned to his holy will. Desire what God wants and desire it always, in everything, without reserve. This is the kingdom of God whose coming we pray for every time we say the Our Father.*