



La Mennais

GRAND MENNAISIAN NOVENA

“Let us pray
with
John Mary”

18-26 NOVEMBER 2013

His word guides our steps

1.- “When charity demands it, but we must want to reserve some moments of conversation with God alone in order to rest our soul, refresh it, and strengthen it.” (S III, 1101)

2.- “Which one of you does not know by experience that it is almost impossible to pray, that is to say, to speak to God, after having spoken so much with men?” (S III, 1099)

3.- “This morning, at the foot of the altar in the small chapel I had someone build, I found tears again while conversing with our good Master. He spoke softly to my heart, to this heart that has been so dry



for a long time, so hardened, so empty of the thoughts of love, which ought to fill it entirely.” (To Bruté, A I, 57-58)

4.- “My dear Bruté, pray for me with renewed fervour. If you knew how poor and weak I am, you would have had pity on this brother John who has received so many graces and who uses them so badly! Is it not dreadful that all the passions are still alive in the depths of this heart in which Jesus Christ descends every day? Pray for me.”
(To Bruté, A I, 49)

5.- “Hope flees before me, and prayer is the only thing remaining. However, if this one is all-powerful, it was

said that it would change even stones into children of Abraham, and that at its humble and sweet voice, even the mountains would obey and move from one place to another."

(To Miss de Lucinière, concerning his brother Féli's attitude of keeping aloof, A II, 158)

6.- "The more difficult the times, the harder must you watch and pray. Prayer and vigilance are for you the two great means to salvation."

(A IV, 141)

7.- "Speak to Our Lord, the Holy Virgin, your Guardian Angel, or to the Saints with the same simplicity and the same confidence as you would speak to your father, your mother, your brothers, and your friends." (RFIC, 55-56)

8.- "A nun, called to a high degree of perfection, and destined to contribute powerfully to the salvation of others, must often have recourse to God, and attract his graces through prayer."

(RFP)

9.- "I am afraid that you might count too much on feelings in your exercises of piety. God does not always feed us on milk but sometimes puts us on dry bread, and we really deserve it."

(A VI, 233)



INTENTIONS

+ Let us pray to the Lord to teach us to pray with the simplicity.

+ For the Brothers and Lay Mennaisian, that we may models of Prayer.

+ Let's pray that our Father Founder be soon declared blessed.

SICK PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

1.- Leire Pérez López, 13, a student of Col. Berrio-Otxoa, Bilbao, Spain.

2.- José A. García Martínez, Bilbao, Spain.

3.- Consolación Rodríguez, Bilbao, Spain.

4.- Natalia Cubillo, Madrid, Spain.

5.- Br. Miguel Ángel Merino, Madrid, Spain.

6.- Janet Vignoli, Montevideo, Uruguay.

7.- Clara García Roig, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

8.- Leticia Calcagno, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

9.- Julián Castro, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.

10.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.

11.- Br. Louis Le Guichet, Nantes, France.

12.- Patrick Lebeau, France.

13.- Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo, France.

14.- M^a del Valle García Pérez, niece of Br. Floren, Palencia, Spain.

15.- Pablo González García, Reinos, Spain.

16.- M. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté, Canada.

17.- Hioatua Kllpuhia, Tahiti.

18.- Sister Imma, Park Place, Hampshire, England.

19.- Mrs Diane Peirra, Wickham, Park Place, Hampshire, England.

20.- John Melody, ex – Bro, Park Place, Hampshire, England.



21.- Scholastica Bonabaana, Fort – Portal, Uganda.

22.- Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.

23.- Khalid Sid Imorou, Parakou, Benin.

24.- Christine Kola, Sister of the Providence, Sotouboa, Togo.

25.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.

26.- M^a Luisa Núñez Benito, profesora del Col. Berrio-Otxoa, Bilbao.

27.- Teresa Nélide Saucedo, Villa Gbdor Gálvez, Argentina.

28.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.

**Prayer for the
beatification and
canonization 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 recognised as Blessed.

Help us follow his example
at the service of truth,
and grant us
through his intercession,
the favours we are now asking ...

(pause)

Through Jesus-Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**O Lord Jesus,
glorify your servant,
Venerable John Mary
de la Mennais !**

EXTRACTS from the HOMILIES of JOHN MARY de la Mennais on PRAYER

(to meditate personally)

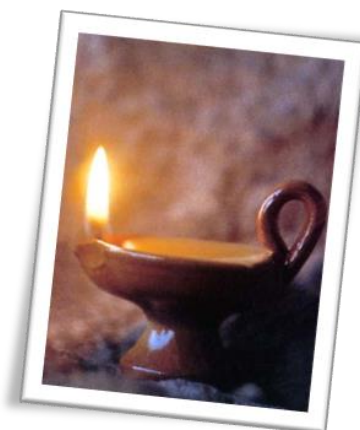
On prayer in general :

“ To be saved, we must live well,
yet, we cannot live well unless we
know how to pray well. For graces
are obtained, and the fervor is
excited and preserved only by
prayer. Today, I will establish the
need for prayer in general.
Without prayer we can neither live
a Christian life, nor start or be
disposed to it.

We can only approach God by
imploring him, as the poor. They
wait in vain that the rich assist
them. They must humble
themselves, and lower
themselves. We need to
recognize the sovereign greatness
of God and our sovereign misery.

It is a certain principle that God
wants to give us his gifts, and that
he lets us know by giving us the
first gift of all, that of faith; that
he gives us others only in so far as
we show ourselves worthy of
them, by our eagerness to ask for
them.

He gave us also an express
command to pray, a precept that
is reported almost on every page
of the holy Scriptures : pray
always, says the author of the
book of Ecclesiasticus ; pray
continually , says St. Paul ; pray
without ceasing, says Jesus Christ



himself. And he does not only give
us this duty, but in order to
commit ourselves to fulfil it, he is
forced to hear us and help us
whenever we have recourse to him
with a humble and strong
confidence. He does not tell us: «
Ask for this or that. » « Ask », he
says , « and you will receive;
knock, and the door shall be
opened », words that teach us
altogether that without prayer we
get nothing, and that there is
nothing we cannot get through
prayer, because Jesus Christ does
not put any restriction on his
promises.

Undoubtedly, God knows our
miseries before we expose them
to him, but he wants us to make a
confession in order to humble
ourselves, and again to constantly
remind us of our dependence, and
that in him alone we can find light,
strength and the help we need to
practise virtue and to overcome
our vicious propensities.”(S. I, 180 bis)



"For three and a half years we have recommended **HORTENSE** to the Lord through the intercession of Jean-Marie de la Mennais, following a liver abnormality detected at birth.

It was transplanted a year ago, and we can now say that the operation was successful.

To mark this anniversary, the parents wanted a Mass of thanksgiving that was celebrated in their home in the presence of their families and many friends.

Let us continue to give thanks to the Lord for his servant Jean-Marie de la Mennais who looks after us well, and those who commend themselves to him."
(Brother Gabriel Douaud)



THE MENNAISIAN FAMILY PRAYS TOGETHER



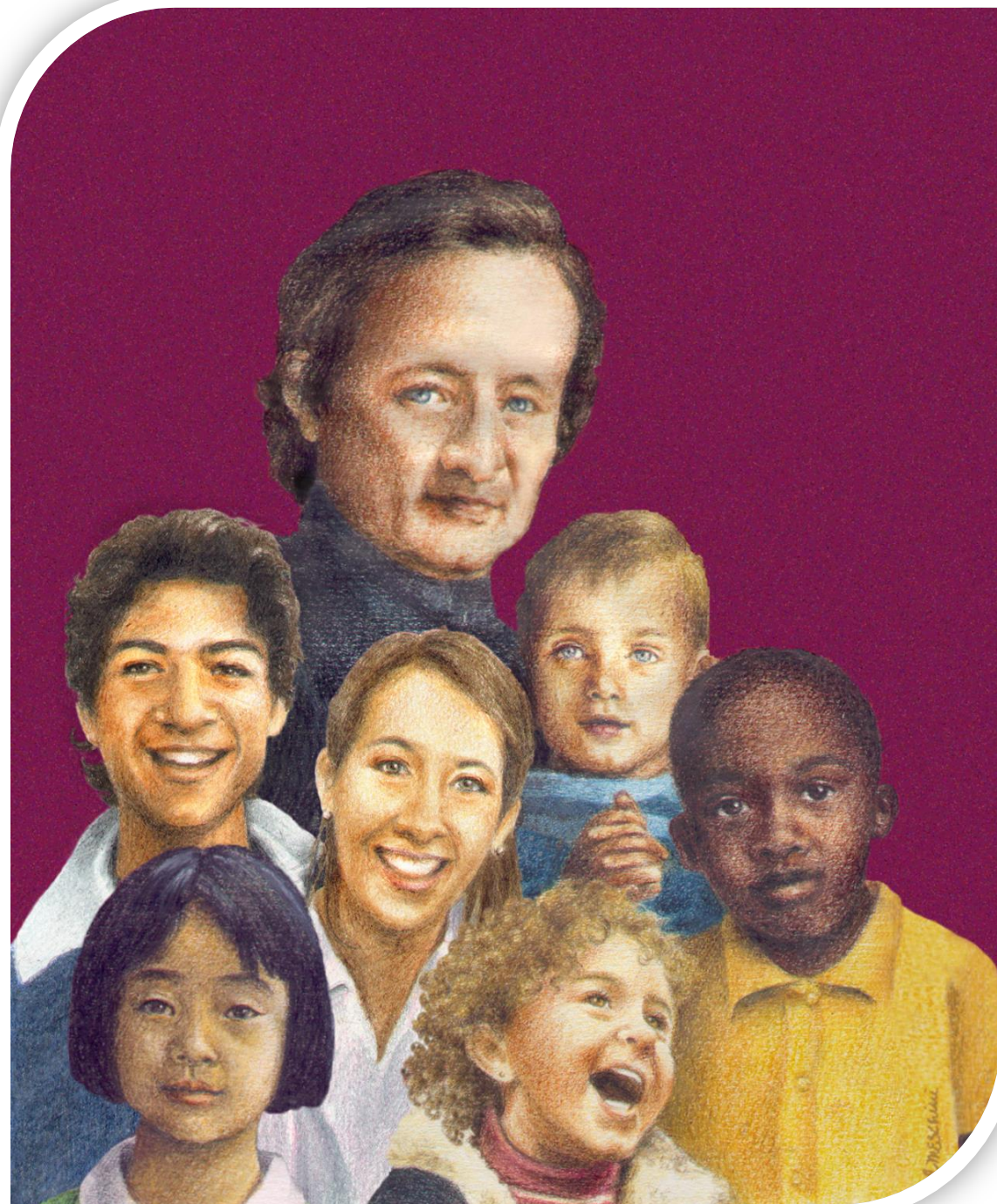
"LEIRE is a College Student of Berrio-Otxoa in Bilbao, Spain, suffering from leukemia since last

August. She is 13 years old.

In September, we asked the students, her companions, to say a prayer for Leire for 9 days (we explained what a Novena is and the reason for making it). They responded in a very satisfactory manner, and were very interested.

Thus, every day from 18 to 26 September and October, we had prayer in the classroom. Each day, a student was in charge of reading the prayer in the classroom and then repeated by all ... I also sent the Novena to Leire at her home, and she does it with great pleasure. She is very happy."

(Bro. Benedicto de Francisco)



“Let the little children come to me” (Lk. 18, 16)

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