

18-26 December 2013



“A CHILD MAKES US BROTHERS”

1.- “ I imagine the shepherds who, at the invitation of the angels, hasten to go and worship him; I join them and share their eagerness to find the divine Child who brings salvation and peace to us. I kneel in his presence and my soul can barely contain the feelings of admiration, of joy, of thanksgiving and of love that fill it.”

(S. I, 482)



WITH JOHN MARY, LET US GO TO BETHLEHEM

2.- “ A Saviour is born to us!
Do you realize, dear children,
how holy, marvellous and
astounding are these words?
We need to meditate them
together today at the foot of
the Crib, to prepare ourselves
to celebrate the great myster-
ies that we honour
these holy days. ”
(S. I, 482)

3.- “A Saviour is born to us,
let us repeat it, and then in
the transport of joy, let us
repeat the song of the Angels:
Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and peace
on earth to men
of good will!”
(S. I, 483)

4.- “ Of all the feasts of the
liturgical year, my dear
children, none can inspire in us
a more tender devotion than
that of Christmas. Each time
the Church celebrates
Christmas, it is as if I witnessed
anew the birth of the Saviour
of the world and the prodigies
that accompanied it. »
(S. I, 482)

5.-“Let’s follow the shepherds.
They are arriving at
Bethlehem. Let’s enter with
them in the stable.
Oh! How I love representing to
myself these poor shepherds,
with clasped hands, with the
knees on the ground before
the Crib of the Child Jesus!
How pure the respects
they offer!
What ingenuity in their simple
language! With what loving
guilelessness they express
their joy, their gratitude,
their love, to this Saviour
born for them! ”
(S. I, 487)

6.- “ O my Saviour,
how eloquent they are!
Your swaddling clothes,
your manger, your tears.
Everything teaches us,
everything speaks.”
(S. I, 482)

7.- “Come then to the Crib to
learn your duties from the very
mouth of Jesus Christ. Come
with trust, for He himself said
that he love children, and that
it was necessary to let them
approach him freely. But what!
Will you present yourselves
before him empty-handed?
Have you really nothing to
offer him? My dear children,
give him your heart, however
puny this offering might be,
he asks it of you: Give me, my
son, your heart. But before
you give it to him, purify it.”
(S. I, 487-488)

8.- “Lay down at his feet the
spirit of disobedience and of
pride, the spirit of dissipation
and of envy; and in exchange,
he will give you his Spirit of
gentleness, of humility,
of simplicity, and of
obedience. Like him, you will
grow daily in knowledge
and in wisdom; and the holy
Infant born for the salvation
of the world will also be
your salvation.”
(S. I, 488)



*9.- “ Yes, the Crib
is the epitome of
the whole Gospel:
therefore go
there to listen to
Jesus Christ;
his words will fall
on your soul like a
gentle dew;
they will renew it,
they will vivify it,
and full of
strength and joy,
you will return as
pastors full of
giving glory to
God and imbued
with a sincere
desire to take in
everything your
Saviour
as model.”*

(S. II, 1970)



SICK PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

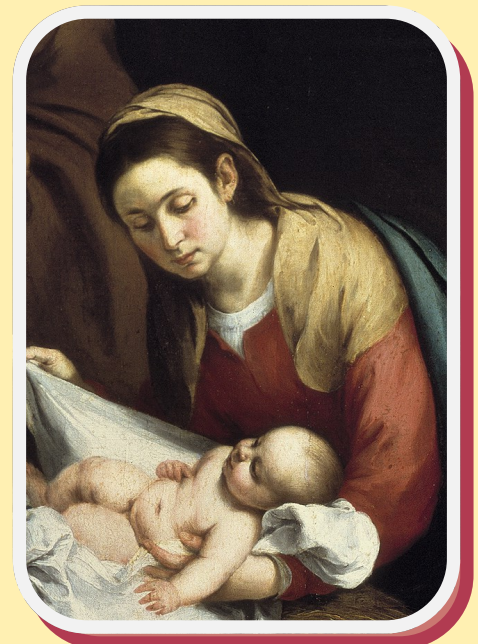
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INTENTIONS

**+ Let us pray for the
purity and joy of
Angels and the speed
and simplicity of
shepherds.**

**+ For the entire
Mennaisian Family,
so that before the
Cradle of the Child
Jesus, we promise
to make Him known
and loved.**

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





**Prayer for the beatification
and canonization of
John Mary de la Mennais**

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 !***

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