

GREAT MENNAISIAN NOVENA
18-26 November, 2015



“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME”

JUBILEE OF MERCY



THOUGHTS OF POPE FRANCIS AND JEAN-MARIE DE LA MENNAIS



18 *Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.* (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* N° 1)

19 "May your feeling of unworthiness not separate you from him because his mercy is greater than your misery! It is his voice that calls you and presses you to throw yourself into his loveable bosom." (A. Chenu, R. 440)

20 (See page 5)

21 *"Jesus, seeing the crowds of people who followed him, realized that they were tired and exhausted, lost and without a guide, and he felt deep compassion for them. On the basis of this compassionate love he healed the sick who were presented to him, and with just a few loaves of bread and fish he satisfied the enormous crowd."* (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* N° 8)

22 "Trusting in mercy is a reason to obtain mercy. God is so good that he wants us to rest in the bosom of his infinite kindness." (M. 13)

23 *"Patient and merciful." These words often go together in the Old Testament to describe God's nature. His being merciful is concretely demonstrated in his many actions throughout the history of salvation where his goodness prevails over punishment and destruction.* (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus* N° 6)

24 "People are but blind instruments of God's designs, designs always full of mercy and goodness for his elect." (A. I, 72)



25 *Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the “motto” of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, “O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me” (Ps 70:2) . (Pope Francis, Misericordiae vultus N° 14)*

26 *“ God who wants you to cast yourselves unreservedly and with eyes closed, on his mercy, like into an abyss. If he denies us full understanding of our holiness it is in order to keep us humble and to make us realise that our salvation depends entirely on his grace.” (M. 126)*



Why, then, are there still 58 million children, roughly between the ages of 6 and 11, out of school globally?



Friday 20

MENNESIANS: SAMARITANS OF THE CHILDREN

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



“And, as for the love of neighbour, the children, are they not our neighbour, even more than other men? Is it not especially toward them that we have to fulfil, in all its perfection, the precept of love, of mutual aid...that Jesus Christ requires of all Christians?”

JMLM S VII, p. 2367

“God wants every child to be happy and to smile, and (that) his favour rests upon them, ‘for to such belongs the kingdom of God’ (Mk 10:14)”.

*Urge the whole Mennaisian family to “deplore and forcefully denounce the intolerable treatment to which so many children are subjected” throughout the world, to provide the necessary structures in defense of their basic rights and/or to make use of existing ones. **General Chapter 2012, N° 17***



INTENTIONS

- Let us pray for the children of the whole world, especially for the poor, the orphans, the migrants, those who are forced to work or handle weapons, and those who are mistreated by adults.
 - Let us pray for the children in our schools and Mennaisian educational centres, so that they may be fully respected and educated: intellect, behaviour and heart.
 - Let us pray for the thousands of children who are born and can neither see the sunlight nor the face of their mother.
 - Let us pray that our Venerable Father Founder be soon declared Blessed.
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SICK PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

- 1.- José A. García Martínez, Bilbao, Spain.
- 2.- Patricia Vázquez, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 3.- Bro. Louis Le Guichet, Rennes, France.
- 4.- Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo, France.
- 5.- M^a del Valle García Pérez, niece of Br. Floren, Palencia, Spain.
- 6.- Betty, Nebbi, Uganda.
- 7.- M. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté, Canada.
- 8.- Eric Yao, Pappete, Tahiti.
- 9.- Brandon Cadousteau, Papeete, Tahiti.
- 10.- Mrs Diane Peirra, Wickham, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 11.- Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.
- 12.- Khalid Sid Imorou, Parakou, Benin.
- 13.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.
- 14.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.
- 15.- Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.
- 16.- Janet Vignoli, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 17.- Jorge Machado, father of old student La Mennais' School, Mvdeo, Uruguay.
- 18.- Athanase Teikihuavanaka, La Mennais – Tahiti.
- 19.- Vladimir Otcenazek, La Mennais – Tahiti.
- 20.- Lucas Rango, 16 year-old student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 21.- Francis Godoy, an Argentine in Germany.
- 22.- Bro. Jean Thibeault, Pointe-du-Lac community, Canada.
- 23.- M. André Couture, Saint-Romuald, Canada.
- 24.- Paula Gútiez García, a girl 10 years old, Bilbao, Spain.
- 25.- Bro. Robert Gonneville, La Prairie, Canada.

- 26.- John Chrysostom Byaruhanga, brother of Bro Deziderio, Uganda.
- 27.- Matías Silveira, a two-year old child, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 28.- Mme Lise Beaudoin, sister of Bro. Michel Beaudoin, Canada.
- 29.- Mme Eumé Benoît, Pétionville, Haiti.
- 30.- Pius Mwesigwa, young student of our School, Kampala, Uganda.
- 31.- Émy and Camille, 5-year-old girl, leukemia, Savenay, France.
- 32.- Bro. Alain Celton, Taravao, Tahiti.
- 33.- Bro. Francis Blouin (ALS), Alfred Maine, USA.
- 34.- Rodolfo Rivoiro and his wife Nélide, V.G.G., Argentina.
- 35.- Mr. Randy Klein, Indiana, USA, teacher and catechist in Tokyo.
- 36.- Mrs Clarisse Boulanger, sister of Br. Guy Morissette, Longueuil, Canada.
- 37.- Bro. Francisco Javier Revilla, Aguilar de Campóo, Spain.
- 38.- Bro. Luis Miguel Gómez Quintano, Portugalete, Spain.
- 39.- Gertrude Beebwa, sister in law of Brother George Kamanda, Kisubi, Uganda.
- 40.- Sister Fausta of "MMC Sisters", Uganda.
- 41.- M^a Celeste Nalema Mascaya, 8-year-old girl, San Borja-Beni-Bolivia.
- 42.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.



Prayer for the beatification and canonisation 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 !**

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