

“MERCY BECOMES TENDERNESS”

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18: “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)



19: “Dear children, come eagerly and with confidence. I call you all in the name of the Lord Jesus who, while he was on earth called you with so much tenderness and kindness.” (S II, 800 bis)

20: “Let’s follow the shepherds. They are arriving at Bethlehem. Let’s enter with them in the stable. Oh! 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)





21: "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 simplicitv. and of obedience." (S I. 488)

22: "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)



23: "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." (S I, 488)



24: "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)

25: "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 mysteries that we honour these holy days." (S I 482)

26: "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." (S II. 1970)

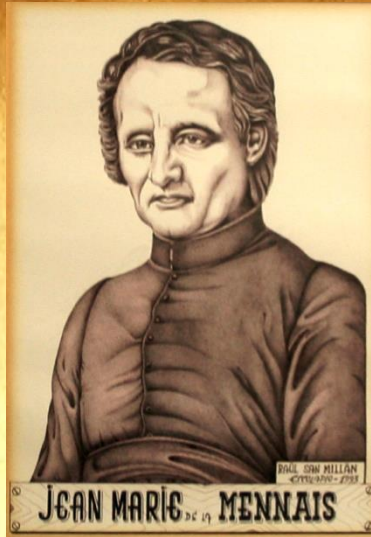
INTENTIONS

- + **May the peace of this Christmas reach to the whole world.**
- + **We pray for all orphaned, abandoned and exploited children so that they may find host families.**
- + **Let's pray that our Father Founder be soon declared Blessed**

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, Papeete, 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 Gútez García, a girl 10 years old, Bilbao, Spain.
- 25.- Bro. Robert Gonnevill, 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 Br. George Kamanda, Kisubi, Uganda.
- 40.- Sister Fausta of " MMC Sisters " , Uganda.
- 41.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.





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

O God, our Father! You have aroused Jean-Marie de la Mennais and You gave him a fiery zeal and iron courage in the service of the Gospel.

Through him, You have given birth in the Church to two congregations devoted to Christian education of the little ones and of the poor.

Grant us to be faithful to the spirit of our Father. May his charism of founder be constantly deepened and developed in our religious family and throughout the Mennaisian family.

By his prayer, grant us the gift of a new Pentecost that transforms our hearts and make us bolder to make Jesus Christ and his Gospel known to the children and the young people of today.

For the glory of your Name, let the holiness of our Father be recognised and proclaimed by the Church. Hear also the prayer we address to you now through his intercession ... (time of silence)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**O Lord Jesus, glorify your servant,
Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais!**