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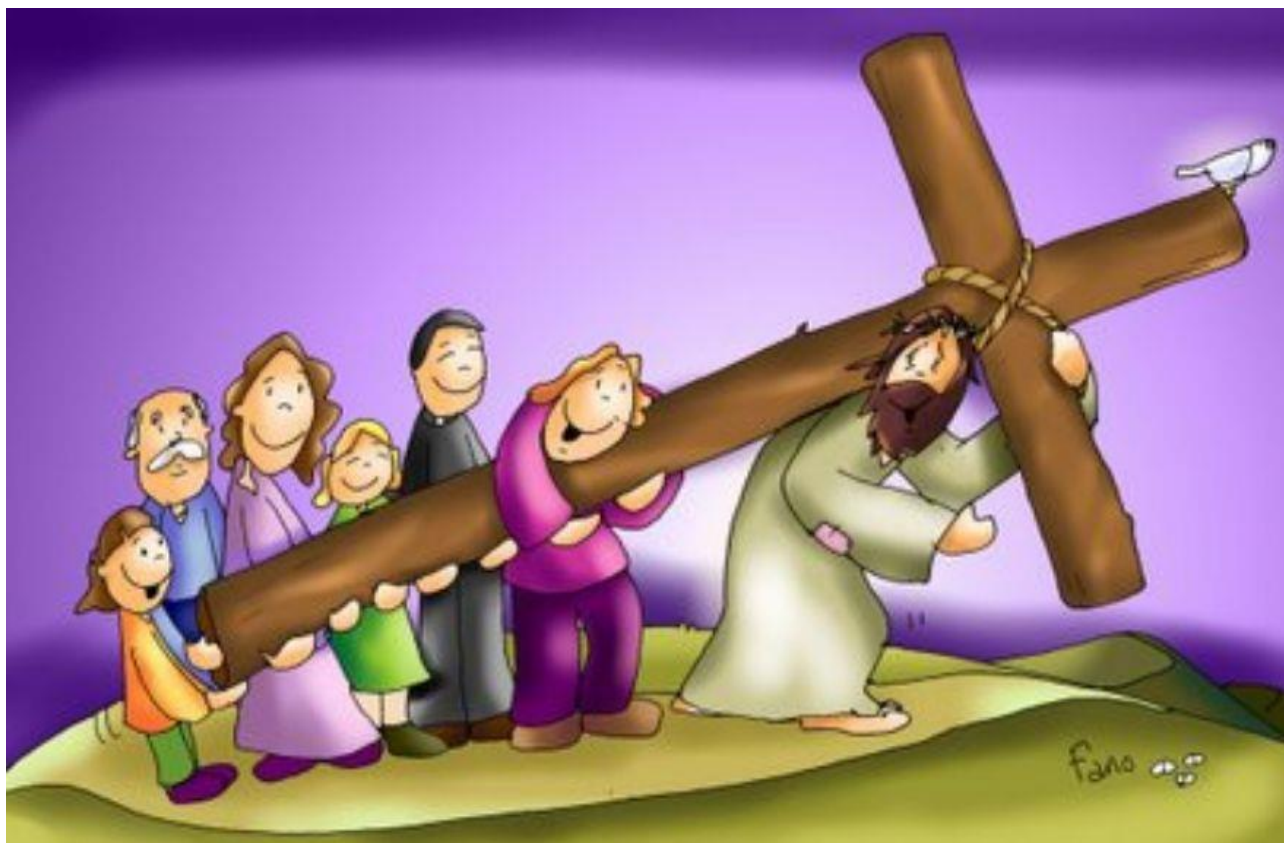
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“THE CROSS OF CHRIST SAVES US”

La Mennais



18 : “A beautiful week! Let us die with Jesus Christ, Let us die on the cross, torn, mocked at and nailed. Yes, yes, we must die crucified!” (To Bruté, during the Holy Week, A I, 199)



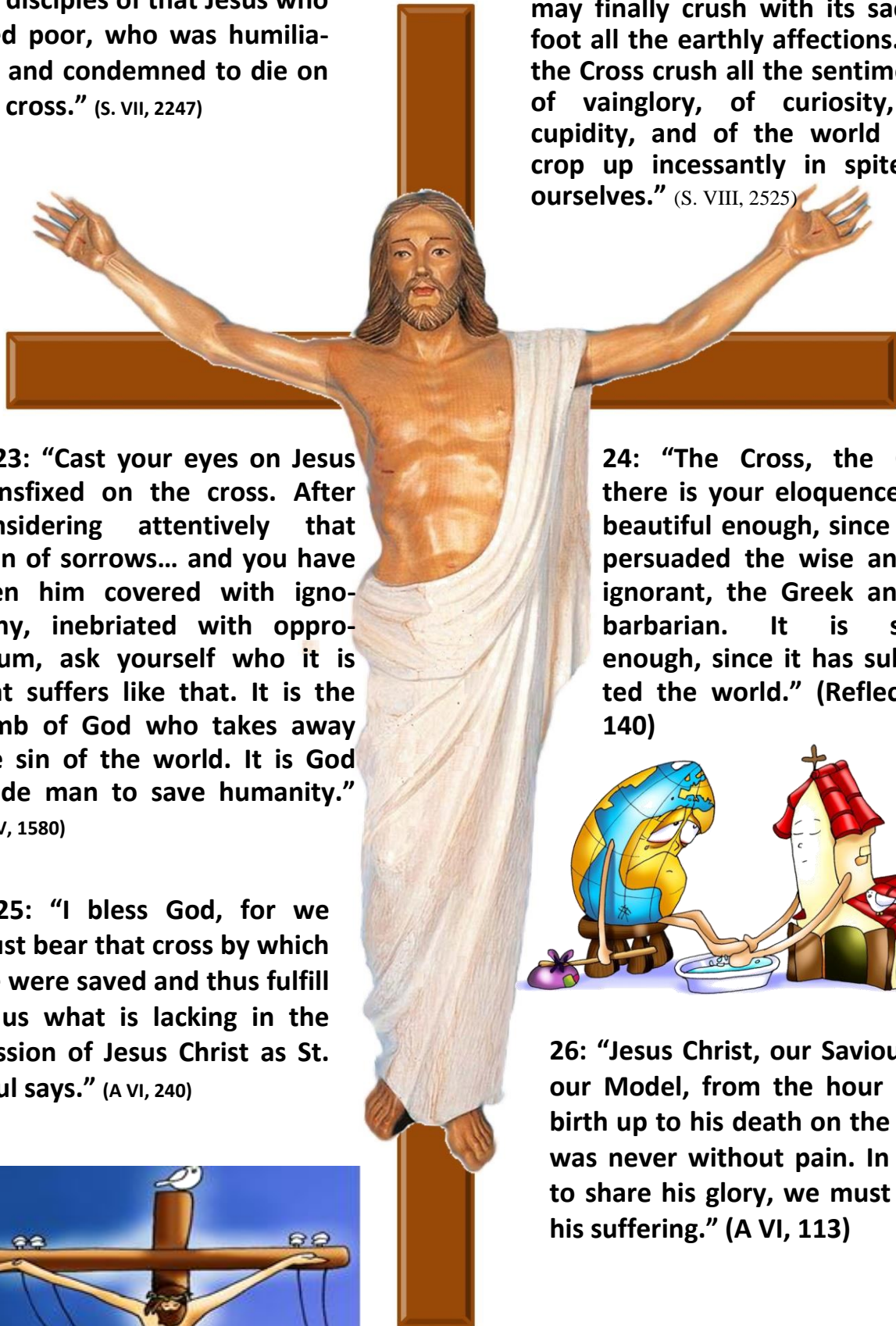
19: “Christian soul, frequently remember that poverty, humiliations and sufferings have been the three companions of your Saviour on earth, and you will be happy if they are your companions here below: to live poor, humiliated, suffering. Yes, Christ’s cross and nothing else!” (M. 20)

20: “It is from the hand of the heavenly Father that all comes. *Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?* Oh, Father, this chalice is really bitter, but it is you who offer it to me. I will take it, and drain it to the dregs.” (M, 84)



21: "No doubt we shall have to suffer in these trials. God be blessed! After all, we are the disciples of that Jesus who lived poor, who was humiliated and condemned to die on the cross." (S. VII, 2247)

22: "Let us plant the Cross at the centre of our soul. Let us drive it into the soul with a sort of violence, so to speak, so that it may finally crush with its sacred foot all the earthly affections. Let the Cross crush all the sentiments of vainglory, of curiosity, of cupidity, and of the world that crop up incessantly in spite of ourselves." (S. VIII, 2525)



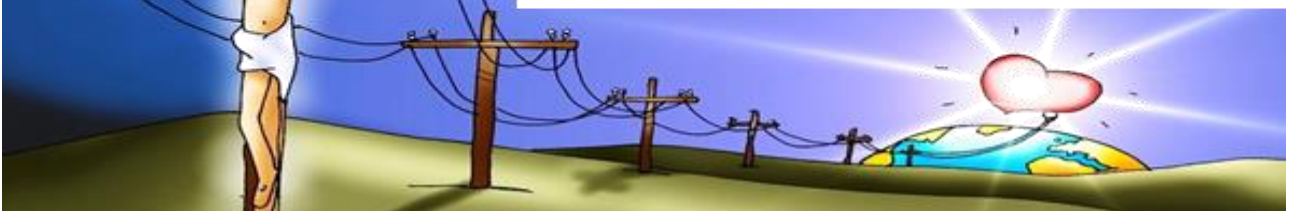
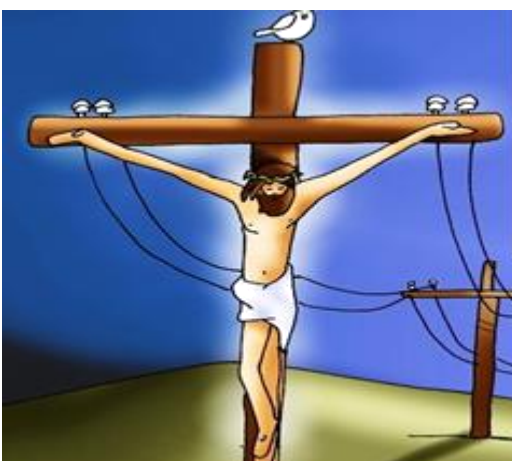
23: "Cast your eyes on Jesus transfigured on the cross. After considering attentively that man of sorrows... and you have seen him covered with ignominy, inebriated with opprobrium, ask yourself who it is that suffers like that. It is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It is God made man to save humanity." (S. IV, 1580)

24: "The Cross, the Cross, there is your eloquence. It is beautiful enough, since it has persuaded the wise and the ignorant, the Greek and the barbarian. It is strong enough, since it has subjugated the world." (Reflections, 140)



25: "I bless God, for we must bear that cross by which we were saved and thus fulfill in us what is lacking in the passion of Jesus Christ as St. Paul says." (A VI, 240)

26: "Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Model, from the hour of his birth up to his death on the cross, was never without pain. In order to share his glory, we must share his suffering." (A VI, 113)



INTENTIONS

- + So that we may everyday die to ourselves and live generously for God.
- + Let's associate our pains and sufferings to those of Jesus Christ, so that one day we may resurrect with Him.
- + Let us pray that our Venerable 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, 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.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.
- 13.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.
- 14.- Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.
- 15.- Jorge Machado, father of old student La Mennais' School, Mvdeo, Uruguay.
- 16.- Athanase Teikihuavanaka, La Mennais – Tahiti.
- 17.- Vladimir Otcenazek, La Mennais – Tahiti.
- 18.- Lucas Rango, 16 year-old student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 19.- Francis Godoy, an Argentine in Germany.
- 20.- Bro. Jean Thibeault, Pointe-du-Lac community, Canada.
- 21.- M. André Couture, Saint-Romuald, Canada.
- 22.- Paula Gútiéz García, a girl 10 years old, Bilbao, Spain.
- 23.- Bro. Robert Gonnevill, La Prairie, Canada.
- 24.- John Chrysostom Byaruhanga, brother of Bro Deziderio, Uganda.
- 25.- Matías Silveira, a two-year old child, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 26.- Mme Lise Beaudoin, sister of Bro. Michel Beaudoin, Canada.
- 27.- Pius Mwesigwa, young student of our School, Kampala, Uganda.
- 28.- Émmy and Camille, 6-year-old girl, leukemia, Savenay, France.
- 29.- Bro. Alain Celton, Taravao, Tahiti.
- 30.- Bro. Francis Blouin (ALS), Alfred Maine, USA.
- 31.- Rodolfo Rivoiro and his wife Nélide, V.G.G., Argentina.
- 32.- Mr. Randy Klein, Indiana, USA, teacher and catechist in Tokyo.
- 33.- Mrs Clarisse Boulanger, sister of Br. Guy Morissette, Longueuil, Canada.
- 34.- Bro. Francisco Javier Revilla, Aguilar de Campóo, Spain.
- 35.- Bro. Luis Miguel Gómez Quintano, Portugalete, Spain.
- 36.- Gertrude Beebwa, sister in law of Br. George Kamanda, Kisubi, Uganda.
- 37.- Sister Fausta of " MMC Sisters " , Uganda.
- 38.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.
- 39.- Mrs Julie Jourdan (32) & your sister Choé (17-year-old), Ploërmel, France.
- 40.- Mr. Pascal Irubetagoyena, teacher Ste Mary' School, Saint Jean de Luz, France.
- 41.- Mme Turyasingura Vailot & Atuheire Victor, Kabale, Uganda





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

© 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 recognized 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!**