# MATERIALS FOR THE MENNAISIAN NOVENA <u>PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN</u>

# 1-<u>FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF JEAN-MARIE</u>

Jesus, you have always loved and welcomed children: You gave us friends like Jean-Marie. He founded the Brothers and Sisters to make you known and loved, in schools, play, friendship, and prayer. We ask you to be able to invoke Father Jean-Marie as a future saint, May he help us to become saints too. Through his hands we entrust you with this intention: ... (indicate requests) Thank you, Jesus, you listen to us with love.

### <u>2-TO ASK FOR SUPPORT FROM JEAN-MARIE</u>

Let's repeat together: HELP US, JEAN-MARIE

 1-Help us, Jean-Maríe, to become friends of all, to form, in our Class and School, a family of brothers who exclude no one, PRAY / HELP US...

 2 Help us, Jean-Maríe, to love and respect our Teachers, to lísten to them and follow them: with them we can grow in Friendship and Kindness,

LET'S PRAY...

 3-Help us, Jean-Maríe, to always be Joyful and Enthusíastíc, to know and love Jesus, to be grateful for the gift of this School, LET'S PRAY...

- 4-Help us, Jean-Maríe, to realíze the project that God has for us, that we discover in your beautiful Schools: give us the strength to follow him, to make our life a masterpiece and a gift for all,

- LET'S PRAY...

### 3- TO THANK GOD FOR JEAN-MARIE

### Let us repeat: THANK YOU, JEAN-MARIE

1- Thank you, Jean-Maríe, because you thought of the Little ones and the Poor: you did not abandon them, but you took care of them, LET'S PRAY / THANK YOU, JEAN-MARIE

2- Thank you, Jean-Maríe, because you have founded many Schools, where students can learn School Subjects at the same time as Faith in Jesus, LET'S PRAY...

3- Thank you, Jean-Maríe, because your bíg Heart opened to all children, from every Continent, especially to the Poor and the Abandoned,

LET'S PRAY ...

4- Thank you, Jean-Maríe, with your great friend Gabriel, you have given so many children, without family and a future, Brothers and Sisters who give their lives for them, LET'S PRAY

### 4-TO GROW LOVE IN THE CHURCH

### Let's repeat: WE WANT TO BE LIKE YOU

- 1-Jean-Marie, you received Baptism, you grew up in a Christian family, and developed the gift of Faith received. Increase the Faith of our families,

• WE PRAY TO YOU/WE WANT TO BE LIKE YOU

 2-Jean-Marie, you received First Communion and Confirmation during the difficult times of persecution.
Help us to receive the strength of Jesus and to be Joyful Witnesses of the Gospel,

• WE PRAY TO YOU

- 3-Jean-Marie, you loved the Church so much and devoted your life to spreading it through so many works dedicated to the young, the little ones and the poor. Make us love the Church like a Big family,

• WE PRAY TO YOU

- 4-Jean-Marie, you always responded "Yes" to the Lord's call with Joy and Enthusiasm, even in difficult and dangerous times. May we too be able to make our lives a Masterpiece for the Lord and for all.

• WE PRAY TO YOU

### **MENNAISIAN PRAYERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **1-WITNESS TO HOPE**

- God, Father of mercy,

in your Son Jesus you never abandon anyone and you gave Birth to your Spirit of love which never fails.

- You put in the heart of Jean-Marie a Spirit of Fire and Intrepid Courage to follow Jesus at all times.

- Through him you broke the bread of the Gospel and of Instruction for the Little ones and the Poor.

- You founded families of Brothers and Sisters to become their Guardian Angels and Traveling Companions.

- Our Father, following in the footsteps of Jean-Marie, we too want to become witnesses of hope.

- Help us to bring Faith to those who live in doubt, Joy to those who are unhappy, Light to those who are lost in Ignorance.

- Light in us the Fire of the Gospel which transforms our Hearts and renews the World.

- We pray to you that the Light of the Holiness of John Mary may be recognized by the Church, to bring to the World a New Witness of Hope.

# 2-WALK WITH JESUS, MARY AND JOHN-MARY (GMG 2023)

- Jesus, you walked on the roads of the World, to carry your Gospel everywhere.

- You too, Mary, with a large number of Saints, have walked the roads of the World in haste, with the solicitude of the gift.

- We set out in the footsteps of Jean-Marie de la Mennais.

- He too traveled the roads of the Earth to bring the Light of Christian Instruction and the Good News of the Gospel.

- A tireless walker, he showed Hope to the Little ones and the Poor and gave Brothers and Sisters to those who always remain alone and wait for help.

We ask you to make Jean-Marie Witness to the Gospel Beatitudes: that through this Light he may show paths of Fraternity, Justice and Peace.

### **3-PRAYER FOR THE MENNAISIAN FAMILY**

#### 1- <u>THE MENNAISIAN SCHOOL: A FAMILY LIKE IN</u> <u>NAZARETH</u>

Holy Family of Nazareth, inexhaustible source of Faith, Hope and Charity, teach us to carry out the will of the Lord in the humble daily life of our lives.

With our Father Jean-Marie de la Mennais, help us respond to Jesus' call with Faith and Availability. Make us drink like him from the source of the Gospel to flourish where we are sown.

With our Founder, make us risk meeting and daring the peripheries of the World, especially among young people, the poorer and abandoned children.

We humbly ask you to have Jean-Marie recognized as a Blessed of the Gospel, so that he becomes a Light of the Church and Protector for Christian Schools.

#### 2- <u>WITH MARY</u> <u>SERVANTS OF ESPERANCE (Chapter FIC 2024)</u>

Prayer in preparation for the next General Chapter Mary, Handmaid of Hope, at the Wedding in Cana, you are considerate and you intercede with your Son Jesus. Present to Him today, in our name, the needs of the Mennaisian Family. In His hour, He will know how to meet them so that out of our shortcomings and frailties a new life will emerge.

In this time of preparation for our 28th General Chapter, trusting in your maternal care, we wish to imitate your faith and your audacity and offer to the children and young people of today, the New Wine of the Gospel.

Teach us, as you did at Cana, to welcome your Son Jesus and to do whatever He tells us. Make us servants of Hope, Compassionate and Attentive, Courageous, Faithful and Bold Witnesses, Joyful in the footsteps of their Master. God alone in time! God alone in eternity! Amen!