

# **NOVENA PRAYER (DECEMBER 2018 )**

## **Intentions**

1. That an authentic devotion to Father de la Mennais be developed
2. For the healing of persons recommended to God through the intercession of the Founder

*Haiti:* Lesage Dessalines, 10 years old, in a coma since the age of 3

*Spain* Bro. Virgilio Gutiérrez Rodríguez.

Mrs Feli Cabeza. 71 years . Cancer of the head and lungs.

*France* Mme Galison, accentuated speech disorders

Mathilde, born in 2010, had an organ transplant at the age of 2.

Annick Le Luel, cancer

Joseph Guillon-Verne : 2 years. Suffering from severe micro encephalitis

*Italy :* Elena, Mother, Albano, cancer.

*Canada* Roger Lefebvre, 73 years old, diagnosed of a tumor with an alarming size.

Michèle Tougas. To undergo a heart surgery.

Alphonsine Jean, Associated member, suffering from cancer.

Bro. Henri Hébert, 85 years, La Prairie. Diagnosed of a cerebral tumour.

*Japan* Mrs Yukari Holme, sharp pains in the hands since a few years ago.

*and all other intentions recommended to our prayers in the Provinces / Districts, plus those placed on the tomb of Jean-Marie de la Mennais at Ploërmel.*

## **Prayer for the beatification**

God our Father, you gave Jean-Marie de la Mennais,  
a generous heart and an unwavering zeal  
to make known and loved your Son Jesus and his Gospel.

Grant us to follow his example. Give us the courage  
to build united and fraternal Communities.

Help us to proclaim your Gospel to the youth of today.

For the glory of your Name, grant that the holiness of Jean-Marie de la Mennais  
may soon be recognised and proclaimed by the Church.

Deign to grant us, O Lord, through his intercession, the healing of the persons recommended ...

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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



## ***Echo from Abidjan about the Founder's day, November 26.***

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the two communities of Abidjan, together with their Visitor Brother Jean de la Croix, met for common prayers. That evening was the culmination of a novena of prayers for the intentions of close people and two sick Brothers of the District who recommend themselves to the intercessions of Jean-Marie. A football tournament was organised amongst the Brothers to give a sportive aspect to the event.

The week was crowned on the 25<sup>th</sup> November with a solemn Mass which was followed by a festive meal that brought together all the Brothers -including the formators- at Abidjan. In line with the theme of the year: "Calling Disciples", the Brothers invited the young people with whom they teach catechism in Catholic action movements (scouting, MEJ ...) or with whom they work upon the children's sponsorship to this celebration. ... Many of the invited Laity expressed their joy of knowing the Brothers of Christian Instruction and their Founders more.

This week was a return to our origins and especially we were invited to pray with more fervor for the beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais, while opening ourselves more and more to the young.