

PRAYER OF THE NOVENA (JULY 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 Don Jesús Ruiz de Arcaute, parish priest of Nanclares, cancer.

Italy : Elena, Mother, Albano

Valentina, 30 years, breast tumour, Roma

Canada: Sayden Aubut, 9 years, brain tumour, operation delayed

Jacob Ménard Waloch, 8 months, severe deafness.

Steve Lefèbvre, 44 years of age, treated for cancer.

Japan Mrs Yukari Holme, sharp pains in hands for a few years.

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.

3. That the General Chapter, the first stage of the bicentennial celebrations, continues to renew the fervour of the Mennaisian Family and arouses new vocations to the Mennaisian Congregations.

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



SAINTS, yesterday, today...

The saints now in God's presence preserve their bonds of love and communion with us. The Book of Revelation attests to this when it speaks of the intercession of the martyrs: "I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; they cried out with a loud voice, 'O sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge?'" (6:9-10). Each of us can say: "Surrounded, led and guided by the friends of God... I do not have to carry alone what, in truth, I could never carry alone. All the saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me".

Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* of the Holy Father Francis, & 4.