

PRAYER OF THE NOVENA (MAY 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 Feliz Cabeza, lung cancer and tumour.

Rome : Valentina, 30 years, breast tumour

Canada: Sayden Aubut, 9 years, brain tumour

M. Guy Clermont, associate, undergoing cancer treatment.

Japan Brother Philippe Ozawa, serious facial operation.

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

and all other intentions recommended to our prayers in the Provinces / Districts.

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 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, the Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais



News of the Postulation

The Postulator, Bro. Dino De Carolis.

The preparation of the second stage of the Rennes Cause is in progress.

To encourage us to pray, it seemed interesting here to bring to the attention of all what Pope Francis says in the Apostolic Exhortation "Gaudete and Exsultate" (154) on the intercessory prayer:

Prayer of supplication is an expression of a heart that trusts in God and realizes that of itself it can do nothing. The life of God's faithful people is marked by constant supplication born of faith-filled love and great confidence. Let us not downplay prayer of petition, which so often calms our hearts and helps us persevere in hope. Prayer of intercession has particular value, for it is an act of trust in God and, at the same time, an expression of love for our neighbour.

There are those who think, based on a one-sided spirituality, that prayer should be unalloyed contemplation of God, free of all distraction, as if the names and faces of others were somehow an intrusion to be avoided. Yet in reality, our prayer will be all the more pleasing to God and more effective for our growth in holiness if, through intercession, we attempt to practise the twofold commandment that Jesus left us. Intercessory prayer is an expression of our fraternal concern for others, since we are able to embrace their lives, their deepest troubles and their loftiest dreams. Of those who commit themselves generously to intercessory prayer we can apply the words of Scripture: "This is a man who loves the brethren and prays much for the people" (2 Mac 15:14).