

## NOVENA to ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



**℟. O glorious St. John the Baptist,**

**℞.** Greatest prophet among those born of woman, \* although thou wast sanctified in thy mother's womb \* and didst live a most innocent life, \* nevertheless it was thy will to retire into the wilderness, \* there to devote thyself to the practice of austerity and penance; \* obtain for us of thy Lord the grace to be wholly detached, \* at least in our hearts, \* from earthly goods, \* and to practice Christian mortification with interior recollection \* and with the spirit of holy prayer.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, precursor of Christ,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, shining lamp of the world,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, angel of purity before thy birth,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. O most zealous Apostle,**

**℞.** Who, without working any miracle on others, \* but solely by the example of thy life of penance \* and the power of thy word, \* didst draw after thee the multitudes, \* in order to dispose them to receive the Messiah worthily \* and to listen to His heavenly doctrine; \* grant that it may be given unto us, \* by means of the example of a holy life \* and the exercise of every good work, \* to bring many souls to God, \* but above all \* those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance \* and that are led astray by vice.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, intrepid preacher of truth,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, voice crying in the wilderness,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, miracle of mortification and penance,** **℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. O Martyr invincible,**

**℞.** Who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls, \* didst with firmness and constancy \* withstand the impiety of Herod \* even at the cost of thine own life, \* and didst rebuke him openly \* for his wicked and dissolute life; \* by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, \* brave and generous, \* in order that we may overcome all human respect \* and openly profess our faith \* in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus (†) Christ, \* our divine Master.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, example of profound humility,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, great defender of holy matrimony,**

**℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. St. John the Baptist, glorious martyr of zeal for God's holy law,** **℞.** Pray for us.

**℟. O God, we rejoice at the apostolate of Saint John the Baptist, through whom we came to know our Redeemer and King. Through his intercession we implore...**

*(Name Your Request)*

**℟. We offer this prayer to Thee (†) God the Father, through Christ Our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God forever and ever.**

**℞.** Amen.

Conclude with an Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Note: The faithful who devoutly offer some prayers in honor of St. John the Baptist, with the intention of so doing for nine continuous days, may gain: (1) an indulgence of five years once each of the days; and (2) a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions, at the end of the novena.

