

Novena to St. John the Baptist

August 21 - 29

Please pray this novena for the beheading of St. John the Baptist. The Feast Day will be celebrated Aug 29.

O glorious Saint John the Baptist, greatest prophet among those born of woman (Luke 7:28), although you were sanctified in your mother's womb and led a most innocent life, nevertheless it was your will to go into the wilderness, there to devote yourself to the practice of austerity and penance; obtain for us from our 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.

O most zealous Apostle, who drew the crowds to the River Jordan for conversion, repentance and prayer; grant that God's grace may be given to us. Aid us to lead many to a life of conversion, prayer and baptism; above all those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance and are led astray by vice.

O Holy Martyr St. John, who, for the honor of God, the salvation of souls and the dignity of Marriage, withstood the sinfulness of Herod even at the cost of your own life, and did rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by your 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. (Mention your own personal intentions here.)

V. Pray for us, St. John the Baptist...

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen

