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 Messias worthyly * 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,
℣. St. John the Baptist, great defender of holy matrimony,
℟. Pray for us.

℣. 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, though 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.