

**A Perpetual Novena to
St John The Baptist**

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. Pray for us, Saint John the Baptist, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. And pray also that the Medjugorje Commission may speedily produce its report, and that a just decision may be reached in due course by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict.

Let us pray. O God, who hast made 24 June to be honorable in our eyes by the Nativity of blessed John, grant unto Thy people the grace of spiritual joy, direct the minds of all Thy faithful into the way of everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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