

Mt 3:1-12

# Prophecy is the ever new horizon of Christian life

**Repent,  
for the  
kingdom of heaven  
is at hand!**

How many cries we hear daily!  
We are surrounded by cries  
that do not answer our deepest questions.  
**Each moment of waiting**  
needs someone to point toward  
the possibility of the newness that is coming;  
**each moment of waiting**  
needs men and women who know how  
to read the steps we must take today;  
**each moment of waiting**  
needs a prophetic voice,  
that restores hope.  
A possibility pointing us in a direction,  
a signpost in each person's journey.

**The Baptist's prophecy  
has the flavor of sobriety,  
the explosive force of newness,  
the essential clarity of water that baptizes,  
that brings us back to life from death,  
the hope of a Kingdom that is near,  
close, beside you.**