

Liberty

For the Spirit of the Lord is here, there is liberty.
COLOSSEANS 3:17B



Lib

ye judgment
and deliver the spoiled out of the
hand of the oppressor: and do
no wrong, do no violence to
the stranger, the fatherless, nor
the widow, neither shed innocent
blood in this place. JEREMIAH 22:3
Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be
perfect, go and sell that thou hast,
and give to the poor, and thou
shalt have treasure in heaven: and
come and follow me. MATTHEW 19:21
Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven. MATTHEW 5:16
He that oppresseth the poor
reproacheth his Maker: but he that
honoureth him hath mercy on
the poor. PROVERBS 14:31 Defend the
poor and fatherless: do justice to
the afflicted and needy. PSALM 82:3

The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center

A Prayer Guide for Americans to be Transformed by the Power of the Bible



AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

GOD'S WORD FOR AMERICA

The Bible is central to the American story. It is the guiding document that inspired the founding of our great nation. It is a book about redemption, peace, human dignity, fairness, forgiveness, generosity, and goodwill toward all.

But too few Americans value the Bible today. They see it as an irrelevant religious text of outdated, boring stories and morals. That couldn't be further from the truth.

The Bible is as important and relevant today as it was at our nation's founding. The Bible, when lived out, transforms lives, communities, and entire nations. Without its wisdom, our nation will neglect the values that once inspired its founders to form our society—values such as liberty, justice, faith, unity, hope, and love. America needs to return to these values wherever they have been eroded. And God's Word is our only hope.

Our mission is to reclaim the Bible as our guiding Book and to invite people from everywhere to discover its message of hope for their own lives. We envision an America once again transformed by the power of the Bible.

THE FAITH AND LIBERTY DISCOVERY CENTER

To reconnect our nation with God's Word, American Bible Society has launched the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center. The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center is a 51,000 square-foot immersive experience that will enable more than 250,000 visitors per year to discover the profound influence of the Bible in our nation. This state-of-the-art public history museum features a landmark destination that has a two-story iconic sculpture of three intertwined surfaces. The surfaces represent the three documents essential to the founding of the United States—the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bible. The core values from these documents are carved into the sculpture's edges, symbolizing their inseparable relationship. The Discovery Center will include five galleries, a 3D immersive theater, plus an innovation and education center. There is also an engaging online program.

The Discovery Center is the cornerstone of a broader Faith and Liberty Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to build a social movement for the Bible by connecting, inspiring, and



resourcing Americans with knowledge of the Bible's role in American civic history and its ongoing influence in the hearts and lives of American changemakers. To that end, the Faith and Liberty Campaign has three components, namely,

- The Faith and Liberty Discovery Center visitor experience in Philadelphia;
- The Faith and Liberty Institute, which will provide seminars, lectures, and teacher training institutes; and
- The Faith and Liberty Advocates program, which will resource and mobilize communities of faith in Bible engagement through a community toolkit, podcasts, and digital media.

But none of this would be possible without you.

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER

Prayer is powerful! Without it, we would not have been able to launch the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. And we believe every prayer matters.

That's why the Discovery Center was built on your intercession. That's right, the Discovery Center was literally built on the prayers of this prayer community and the Word of God. Embedded in the concrete foundation of the Discovery Center are poster boards and sheets of paper with the Scriptures and prayers that our staff and so many of you have prayed for this space.

But we can't stop praying.

We need your prayers now more than ever. Your prayers will help the Discovery Center become more than just a center for people to visit but a place where people are transformed by the power of God's Word. Join us as we pray for the Discovery Center to fulfill the purpose God has for it. Pray that it will help restore the Bible's influence in America and in the lives of visitors as they discover the significance of faith and liberty in the American experience.

Will you pray with us?

Here's four ways you can pray for the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center. Pray for:

- **Individual Faith.** Pray that people from every walk of life will discover the Bible's message of hope for their own lives. Pray that people will be inspired to place their faith in the truths of the Bible, leading to individual transformation.

No one can have faith without hearing the message about Christ. (Romans 10:17 CEV)

- **Collective Liberty.** Pray that the Bible will once again be seen as the guiding Book of America. Pray that the wisdom of the Bible will be used to heal fractures in our nation and that it will guide us toward liberty for all, especially those oppressed by injustices. Pray that the Bible will be the foundational text for American ideals and institutions, and that every sector of society will be impacted by its culture-transforming message.

Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 CEV)

- **Social Discovery.** Pray for the training of Bible advocates on the role of the Bible in American society. Pray that they will discover how to hold informed conversations on the relationship between faith and liberty and the role of the Bible in American society. Also, pray that these advocates will discover how they can provide relevant resources and mobilize communities of faith in Bible engagement around shared civic and social concerns.

"Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7 GNT)

- **A Sustainable Center and Ministry.** Finally, pray for the successful running of the Discovery Center. Pray for God to guide, strengthen, and empower all the workers. Also, pray for God's continued protection, favorable media coverage, the proper management of groundbreaking technologies, and the financial stability of the Discovery Center.

Ask the LORD to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out. (Proverbs 16:3 GNT)

A PRAYER OF BLESSING

Father, thank you for the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center. Thank you for leading the charge in the erection of something beautiful in a once empty space. We dedicate the Discovery Center back to you and ask that you use it for your kingdom and glory. We pray it will be a place where people find hope in the pages of Scripture. May your peace and joy embrace all who visit. We also pray that America will return to her biblical roots, allowing the Bible to shape our nation's values leading to faith and liberty for all.