

A large, dark stone statue of a woman, likely representing Liberty, stands atop a tall, tiered stone pedestal. The statue is pointing her right hand upwards. The pedestal is surrounded by several smaller, seated statues. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline under a sunset sky.

NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE FOREFATHERS

THE MATRIX OF LIBERTY
AT PLYMOUTH ROCK

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As we think about the freedoms that our Republic affords, we are reminded of the vision of our forefathers for this great nation. It was a vision of Faith and Liberty. And that vision – the blueprint for our nation – is etched in stone in a monument near Plymouth Rock. This book outlines that blueprint.

I pray that this monument is a reminder to you and an indicator to others of the enduring values we hold dear.

Jason Yates
CEO

To further explore each aspect of the National Monument to the Forefathers, watch the seven stunning, short-clip, videos that take you up close. Visit www.myfaithvotes.org/monument

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IN RECOGNITION OF KIRK CAMERON

Kirk Cameron is an actor and champion for biblical values in America. His film, *Monumental*, outlines the people, places, and principles that made America the most prosperous and generous nation the world has ever known. In this film, he shows how the Pilgrims brought these principles with them across the Atlantic and how they are etched into the National Monument to the Forefathers in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Kirk had a vision to bring the monument to homes and churches across America, and his company, CamFam Studios, produced the amazingly detailed replica of the monument. Kirk's work has been an inspiration to all of us at My Faith Votes, and it's why we have been a proud sponsor of his events, such as *Revive US*, *Revive US 2*, and *Think, Pray, Vote*.

THE NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE FOREFATHERS

On a hilltop overlooking Plymouth, just up from Plymouth Rock, stands the largest granite monument in America, the National Monument to the Forefathers. It's not very well known, but it was commissioned over 130 years ago by the state of Massachusetts and Congress to etch in stone the blueprint - the strategy - for a successful and profitable society. The monument lays out this strategy in what is called the Matrix of Liberty, given to us by our forefathers, the pilgrims. The principles of this matrix - Faith, Morality, Law, Education, and Liberty - are timeless, and lest we forget, this monument stands as a reminder of what really matters. The monument is the blueprint for true liberty. It is a reminder of the only successful strategy for liberty, and it is how we can sustain it today in America. It starts with faith.







At the heart of the monument is Faith, a familiar figure that some claim gave the inspiration to the famous Statue of Liberty in New York. Carved out in the granite is a woman who stands 36 ft. tall, draped in regal cloth. Her right hand is extended towards heaven, while her left hand holds the Bible of the Pilgrims, the Geneva Bible. The pages of the Bible are opening up, as a message to all who see the statue that the Pilgrims read the Word. Her powerful stance echos the rock like faith of the American Forefathers.

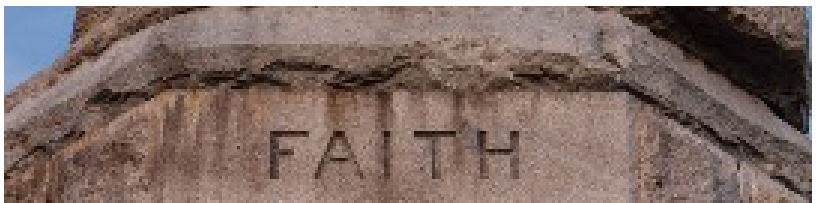
WITHOUT FAITH IN THE CREATOR GOD, THERE WOULD BE NO TRUE AND LASTING LIBERTY.

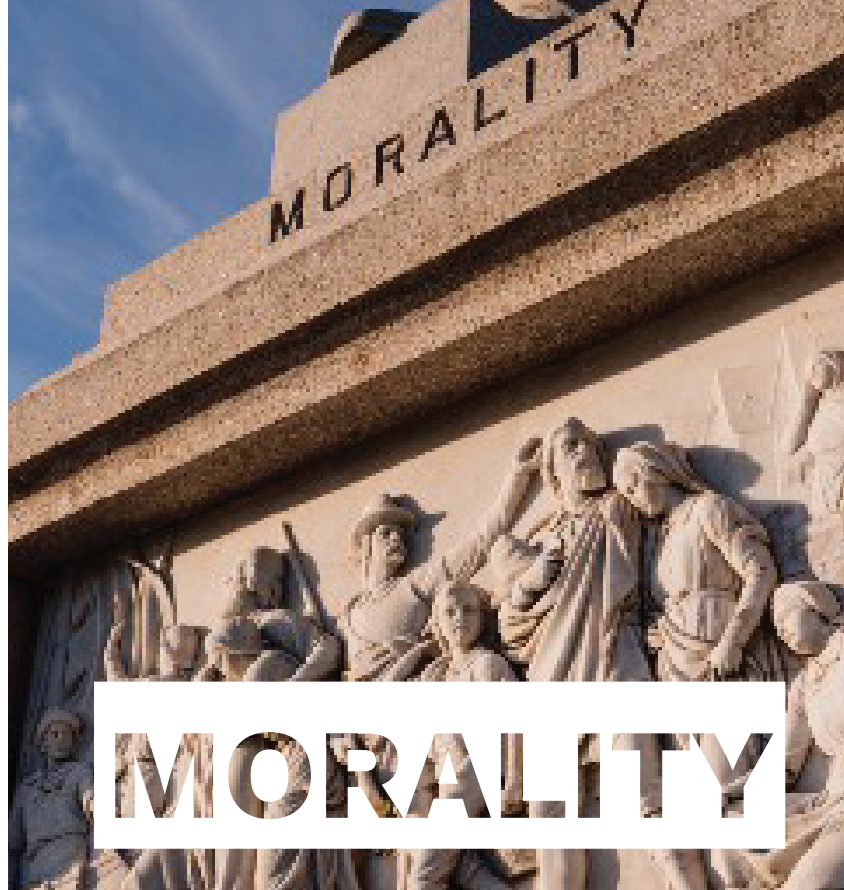
They held fast to the belief that their faith was the very foundation and core of liberty. Without faith in the Creator God, there would be no true and lasting liberty. Etched into her forehead is a star. This star is to be a symbol of the illuminating light of God's Word, which imparts wisdom into the minds of all believers. The rest of the smaller statues positioned on each side of the monument are each connected to Faith.

“ *It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.* ”

PATRICK HENRY

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With Faith sitting at the foundation of society, she is upheld by four pillars, each displayed as statues in the monument. The first of these is Morality. Morality is a woman, seated beneath Faith with one hand holding the Ten Commandments, while the other rests upon the Scroll of Revelation. On either side of Morality are the carved images of a Prophet and an Evangelist. This signifies the power of morality, the standard to which we are called to live, emanating from the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no detail in the eyes of the woman in this statue. Intentional in its design, this is meant to signify that Morality looks not to what is seen but rather to what is unseen; the transformed heart which leads to a transformed life.

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Our Constitution is made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.

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JOHN ADAMS, 2ND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

MORALITY IS AN ESSENTIAL
COMPONENT FOR ALL SOURCES
OF LIBERTY INCLUDING SELF-
GOVERNMENT, PATIENCE,
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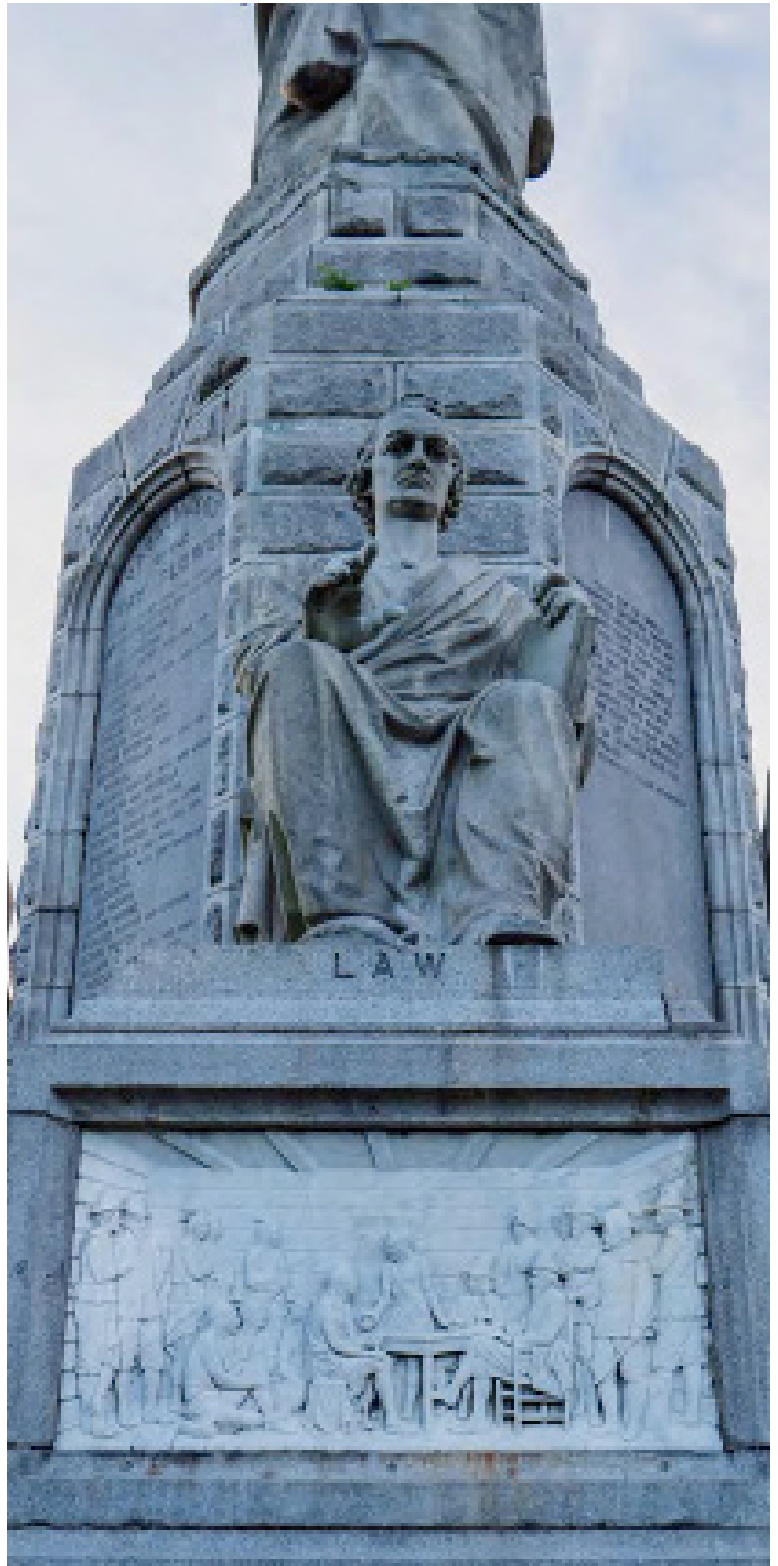


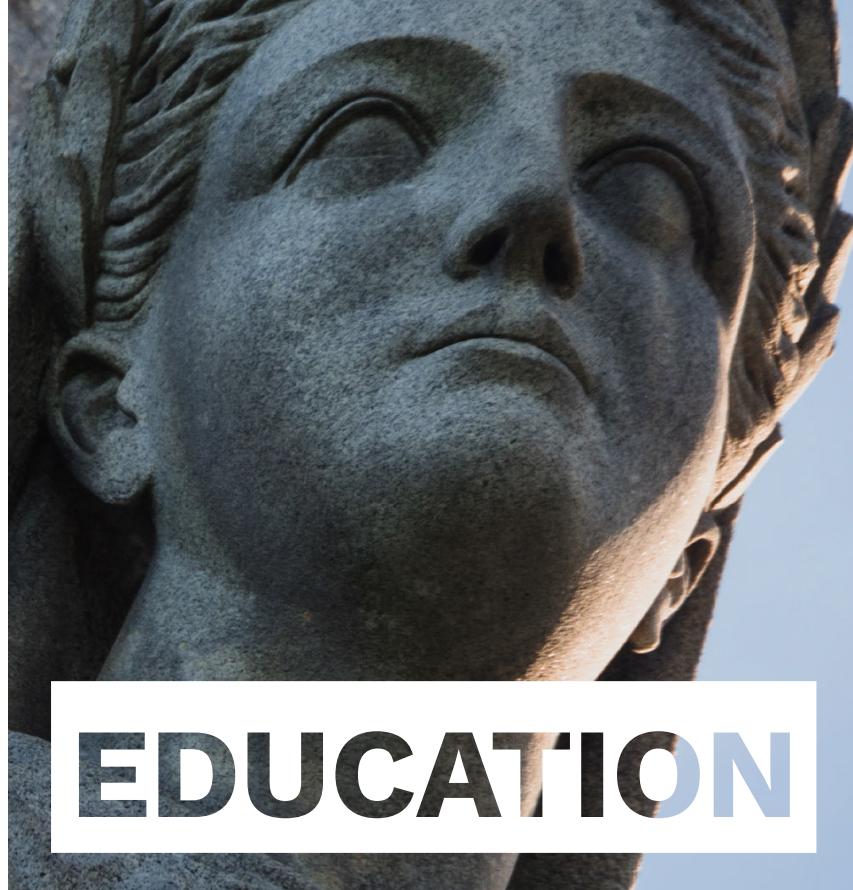
Our Founding Fathers knew how critical it would be for the flourishing of humanity to abide by the Laws of God. They built their laws upon what was known as the Divine Law, the Ten Commandments. From the first established government in England, to the uniting of the first thirteen colonies of America, law was what governed the world and set things in order. It is not enough, however, to simply abide by govern-mental authority, rather what this monument calls attention to is the obedience of God's law for all of humanity. Law holds the statutes of order in one hand, his other hand is extended out in mercy. On either side of this statue are carved images displaying justice and mercy, which convey that law is supported by the equality of justice for wrong, and mercy for all.

“ *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.* ”

JOSHUA 1:8

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THE HOLY SPIRIT.





Having established the two core pillars morality and law, the monument then gives focus to raising up the next generations to follow those who went before them and pursue the path that leads to flourishing. Education is portrayed as a woman. She is opening the word of God, the Book of Knowledge, and her head is adorned with the wreath of victory. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training up in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Our victory as a nation comes from the education - the "training up" - of those after us, teaching them the irrefutable truth of Scripture and preparing them to know and stand firm in the principles for carrying on a flourishing and free civilization.

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Train up a child in the way that he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

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PROVERBS 22:6



EDUCATION



Seated in honor and power is the last statue, Liberty. He is portrayed as a man after battle; the chains that once bound him to slavery, now broken free and dangling from his hand while his other clutches a sword. The claw of a lion rests on his left shoulder and drapes around to his right, which represents the English tyrant of whom he has now slain and stands over in victory. This regal picture of strength stands to remind generations of the sacrifice made from those who came before us, the battle that has been won and the gift of freedom has been received. Liberty reminds us that freedom does not come free, but at a cost of something greater. As followers of Jesus Christ, that price was paid by the only one capable of slaying the tyrant of sin and breaking the chains of hell. Liberty came first by the blood of Jesus Christ, and from Him, we have been given the gift of eternal life.

“ Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. ”

RONALD REAGAN, 40TH PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

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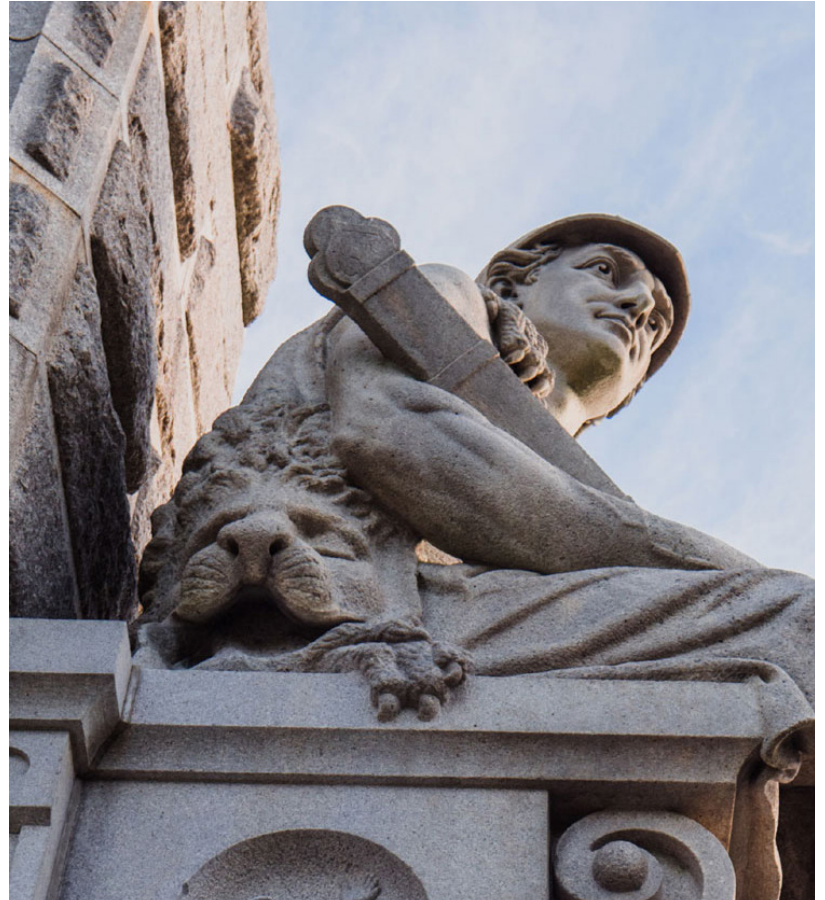
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Our founders knew the American experiment would be fragile, and today, there is a battle raging for the heart of this nation. It's a battle over truth and how you and I will be able to live out our faith in the public square.

My Faith Votes is a non-partisan movement that motivates, equips and activates Christians in America to vote in every election, transforming our communities and bringing the influence of our faith into the public square. We're standing for biblical truth at the ballot box in local, state and national elections, because we recognize that voting represents more than a political preference. It is a declaration for God.

Our approach is simple. My Faith Votes is equipping Christians in America to PRAY unceasingly for our nation, to THINK biblically about issues, and VOTE consistently in every election.

Yes, our faith has something essential to contribute to our communities, and we are committed to empowering every believer as we stand and vote for religious freedom, the sanctity of life, strong families and marriages, and biblical solutions for those in need.

At My Faith Votes, we do it all for one reason. Because we know that when 90 million believers stand to vote, we're standing in agreement. And the power of unity changes everything.

United. We stand. So that America stands strong for God.

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