

Offertory Reading for . . .

**January 23, 2010**

**North American Division**

**Religious Liberty Offering**

(Suggested Offering: As the Holy Spirit impresses)

In the calling of His first disciples, Christ promised to make them “fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19, NIV) **In order to be successful evangelists in this modern age, we must work first to protect our freedom of belief and our freedom to share the message of the Savior’s love with those around us.**

**The annual Religious Liberty Offering helps ensure that churches—and individuals—are free to practice their faith as God has instructed. It also works to maintain our ability to preach and teach and witness in His name.**

**Your offering today will sponsor *Liberty* magazine subscriptions to high-level government officials and prominent social and religious leaders throughout the North American Division. It will also be used to support the North American Division litigation fund—resources that make it possible for us to defend and preserve your religious liberty in court if necessary.**

**Please give generously in support of these sacred freedoms of choice, belief, and practice.** Our goal to bring souls to Christ and hasten His return cannot be fulfilled if we do not have the freedom to share His love.