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| **PRESIDENT** | **DATE** | **EDITION** |
| George Washington | 1789 | Genesis 49:13[1](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) (Masonic Bible); opened at random due to haste |
| George Washington | 1793 | Not known |
| John Adams | 1797 | Not known |
| Thomas Jefferson | 1801, 1805 | Not known |
| James Madison | 1809, 1813 | Not known |
| James Monroe | 1817, 1821 | Not known |
| John Q. Adams | 1825 | Not known |
| Andrew Jackson | 1829, 1833 | Not known |
| Martin Van Buren | 1837 | Proverbs 3:17[2](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| William H. Harrison | 1841 | Not known |
| John Tyler | 1841 | Not known |
| James K. Polk | 1845 | Not known |
| Zachary Taylor | 1849 | Not known |
| Millard Fillmore | 1850 | Not known |
| Franklin Pierce | 1853 | Affirmed instead of swearing the oath; did not kiss Bible |
| James Buchanan | 1857 | Not known |
| Abraham Lincoln | 1861 | Opened at random |
| Abraham Lincoln | 1865 | Matthew 7:1; 18:7; Revelations 16:7[3](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Andrew Johnson | 1865 | Proverbs 21 |
| Ulysses S. Grant | 1869 | Not known |
| Ulysses S. Grant | 1873 | Isaiah 11:1-3[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Rutherford B. Hayes | 1877 | Privately, no Bible; publicly, Psalm 118:11-13[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| James A. Garfield | 1881 | Proverbs 21:1[4,5](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Chester A. Arthur | 1881 | Privately, no Bible; Psalm 31:1-3[4,5](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Grover Cleveland | 1885 | Psalm 112:4-10; Bible opened by Chief Justice and by chance it fell to this Psalm[6](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Benjamin Harrison | 1889 | Psalm 121:1-6[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Grover Cleveland | 1893 | Psalm 91:12-16[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| William McKinley | 1897 | II Chron. 1:10; Bible given to him by Methodist church congregation[7](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| William McKinley | 1901 | Proverbs 16[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Theodore Roosevelt | 1901 | No Bible |
| Theodore Roosevelt | 1905 | James 1:22-23[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| William Howard Taft | 1909 | I Kings 3:9-11[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Woodrow Wilson | 1913 | Psalm 119[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Woodrow Wilson | 1917 | Privately, not known; publicly, Psalm 46[8](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Warren G. Harding | 1921 | Micah 6:8 (Washington Bible)[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Calvin Coolidge | 1923 | Not known |
| Calvin Coolidge | 1925 | John 1 |
| Herbert C. Hoover | 1929 | Proverbs 29:18[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Franklin D. Roosevelt | 1933, 1937, 1941, 1945 | I Corinthians 13[4](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Harry S. Truman | 1945 | Closed Bible held in left hand; right hand on upper cover[9](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Harry S. Truman | 1949 | Matthew 5:3-11 and Exodus 20:3-17[10](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Dwight D. Eisenhower | 1953 | Psalm 127:1 (Washington Bible) and II Chronicles 7:14 (West Point Bible)[11](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Dwight D. Eisenhower | 1957 | Privately, not known; publicly, Psalm 33:12[12](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) (West Point Bible) |
| John F. Kennedy | 1961 | Closed Bible[13](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Lyndon B. Johnson | 1963 | Missal[14](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Lyndon B. Johnson | 1965 | Closed family Bible[15](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Richard M. Nixon | 1969, 1973 | Two family Bibles, both open to Isaiah 2:4[16](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Gerald R. Ford | 1974 | Proverbs 3:5-6[17](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| James E. Carter | 1977 | Family Bible open to Micah 6:8[18](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| Ronald W. Reagan | 1981, 1985 | Mother's Bible open to II Chronicles 7:14[19](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) (Both privately and publicly in 1985) |
| George H. W. Bush | 1989 | Washington's Masonic Bible opened at random in the center; family Bible on top opened to Matthew 5 |
| William J. Clinton | 1993 | King James Bible, given to him by grandmother, open to Galatians 6:8 |
| William J. Clinton | 1997 | King James Bible, given to him by grandmother, open to Isaiah 58:12[20](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| George W. Bush | 2001 | Closed family Bible[21](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html#notes) |
| George W. Bush | 2005 | Open family bible; same one used in 2001 and 1989 |
| Barack Obama | 2009 | Closed bible that belonged to Abraham Lincoln |
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| **NOTES** | | |
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| 6. Hutchins, Stilson. *The National Capitol*, Washington, 1885, p. 276. | | |
| 7. *Harper's Magazine*, August 1897. | | |
| 8. Senate Document 116, 65th Congress, 1st Session, 1917. | | |
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| 14. Mooney, Booth. *The Lyndon Johnson Story*, p. 1. | | |
| 15. Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court via phone July 1968. | | |
| 16. *Washington Post*, Jan. 20, 1969, p. A1. | | |
| 17. *New York Times*, Aug. 10, 1974, p. A1. | | |
| 18. *Washington Post*, Jan. 21, 1977, p. A17. | | |
| 19. White House Curator's Office. | | |
| 20. *Washington Post*, Jan. 21, 1997, p. A14. | | |
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