

# 50 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING SEASON OBJECTIVES & GUIDELINES

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### UGANDA JUBILEE NETWORK 2023/2024 FOCUS ON THE BUSINESS/ECONOMY SPHERE

#### Prayer And Fasting Season: 19th August - 7th October 2023

The guiding scripture for the Body of Christ worldwide in this season is Isaiah 60:1 Arise and Shine for your Light has come. Since 2012, Uganda Jubilee Network has observed 19th August to 7th October – fifty days leading up to our National Independence Anniversary Celebrations as days of prayer and fasting, seeking God's face, and praying for the fulfillment of His purposes for our country. Each year has had a societal focus. The focus of the upcoming year (October 9, 2023 – October 8, 2024) is the Economy and Business Sector. The theme verse is drawn from *Isaiah 60: 5,6:* 

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

#### THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE 2023/24 PRAYER SEASON ARE:

- 1. To seek divine enablement for the Body of Christ to rise to its place in the Business and Economy Sphere
- 2. To pray for the the economies of Uganda and Africa to rise to their divine destinies
- 3. To pray for the restructuring of the global economy to a more righteous and just one
- 4. To seek divine enablement for the individual, family, and organizational fulfillment of divine destinies in our generation and the ones to come

#### SCOPE OF THE BUSINESS/ECONOMY SPHERE:

The Business/ Economy Sphere is comprised of:

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1. **Businesses and Enterprises:** These are the core entities that produce goods and services to meet the demands of consumers. Businesses can range from small local enterprises to large multinational corporations.

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**2. Labor Force:** The labor force comprises the workforce of a country or region. It includes both employed and unemployed individuals who are capable of working and seeking employment opportunities.

**3. Market:** The market represents the interaction between buyers and sellers, where goods and services are exchanged at a certain price. It can be local, national, or global, depending on the scale of economic activities.

**4. Consumers:** Consumers are the end-users of goods and services produced by businesses. They play a vital role in driving demand and shaping the economy through their purchasing decisions.

**5. Government:** The government plays a significant role in the economy through policies, regulations, taxation, and public spending. It is supposed to provide essential services, promote economic stability, and supports various sectors through incentives and subsidies.

**6. Economic Policies:** Economic policies set by governments and central banks influence various economic aspects, such as inflation, interest rates, fiscal policies, and trade regulations.

**7. Financial Institutions & Currency:** Banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions facilitate the flow of money within the economy. They provide services like lending, borrowing, and investment, essential for economic growth and stability.

**8. Infrastructure:** Infrastructure refers to the physical and organizational structures that support economic activities, such as transportation networks, communication systems, energy supply, and public utilities.

**9. Supply Chain:** The supply chain encompasses the network of suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and logistics involved in the production and distribution of goods and services.

**10. Technology and Innovation:** Technology and innovation drive economic growth by enhancing productivity, efficiency, and competitiveness in various industries.

**11. Trade and International Relations:** International trade plays a crucial role in the global economy, facilitating the exchange of goods and services across borders and fostering economic cooperation between nations.

12. Social and Cultural Factors: Social and cultural factors influence business practices and consumer behavior, affecting market trends and the overall economic landscape. These components are interconnected and work together to shape the business environment and the overall state of the economy. Understanding and managing these components are essential for ensuring sustainable economic growth and prosperity.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE PRAYER AND FASTING:**

- The recommended mode of fasting is taking one meal over a 24-hour period. We encourage the drinking of plenty of water and light fluids.
- While we encourage believers to participate in all the 50 days, we recognize that many believers are not accustomed to this length of fast so we suggest some variations for those who would like to take part in a shorter fast during the period. The fasting period is seven weeks. If one took a 24-hour fast on a different day of each of the seven weeks, they would cover all the themes in the prayer guide.

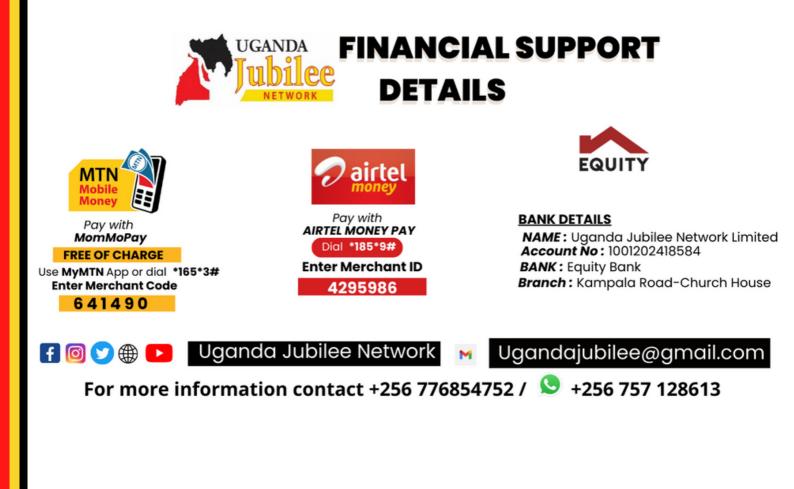
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- Alternatively one could choose one week during the seven-week period to fast and pray over all the themes covered in the prayer guide.
- This period provides the opportunity for believers to exercise themselves in the discipline of fasting and stretch a little more than they are accustomed to.
- Personal, family, organizational, and local congregational matters regarding God's plans for the future should be covered in addition to the weekly themes.

## Dates/ Events to Note

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- Friday, 18th August 2023 (overnight): dedication of the prayer and fasting season at All Nations Prayer Mountain Seguku.
- Saturday, 7th October 2023 (evening): conclusion of the fasting season.
- Sunday, 8th October 2023: Independence eve night prayer vigil. Dedicating the year 2023/2024 at All Nations Prayer Mountain Seguku.
- Wednesday mornings online: Teaching sessions on zoom (5:15 a.m. 7.00 a.m.)
- Sunday Evenings online; Launch of weekly Prayer Themes on zoom (6:00PM 7:00PM).



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