



50-DAY PRAYER AND FASTING SEASON

19th August – 7th October 2023

PRAYING FOR THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMY SECTOR

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.*

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEKLY FOCUS 2023

Week 1:	20 th August – 26 th August	Family and the Business/Economy Sphere
Week 2:	27 th August – 2 nd September	Church and the Business/Economy Sphere
Week 3:	3 rd September – 9 th September	Government and the Business/Economy Sphere
Week 4:	10 th September – 16 th September	Education and the Business/Economy Sphere
Week 5:	17 th September – 23 rd September	Media and the Business and the Economy Sphere
Week 6:	24 th September – 30 th September	Celebration/Arts and the Business/Economy Sphere
Week 7:	1 st October – 7 th October	Global Business/Economy

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/Economy Sphere.
2. To pray for 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.

Main Prayer Focus of the Week:

1. To pray for an education reformation for economic revival and wealth transfer in our nation.
2. To pray for the rise of a new generation of Kingdom innovators, economists, entrepreneurs, industrialists and businessmen.

WEEK FOUR: EDUCATION AND THE BUSINESS/ECONOMY SPHERE

10th – 17th September 2023

Proverbs 22:6,7

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.*

Written by Pastor Victor Odundo

This week, we are focusing on Family Education & Economic Revival; Church Education & Economic Revival; and lastly, Higher Education & Economic Revival.

There is a connection between the quality education and the economic development of a family, the ekklesia and the nation. A well-educated family, church or nation is essential for the development of a strong and competitive global economy. A highly skilled workforce provides individuals with the opportunities to connect and participate in the activities which contribute to the economic growth of a nation. Without quality education:

- There will be hardly any knowledge, skills necessary to participate in the current workforce contributing to the economic development.
- We cannot provide a highly skilled, innovative workforce that can create new opportunities, better understand our business needs, and support it.
- We cannot design solutions tailored to our national economic needs to increase our overall national productivity.
- We shall remain consumeristic i.e., provide a BIG MARKET for other nation's products and services. The COVID pandemic and the war in Ukraine should have taught us great lessons.
- We shall have more expatriates taking our jobs as we shall continue to depend on their highly skilled work force while our graduates remain "tool boys" or sub-contracted to do odd jobs.

It should concern us that:

- Even after over 100 years of Education, our greatest contribution to the Global Workforce is in the category of odd Jobs, called "kyeyo."
- Our graduates are riding boda bodas on the streets to survive as the most accessible option. In the Global Market, our graduates cannot be absorbed into employment unless they are first retrained.
- In this time and age, with all the trained Agriculturalists in our country we still have citizens dying of hunger.
- We are still appealing to donors to come and bail us out economically.
- We have Engineers, but few or none who can build our roads.
- We have many doctors, but still fly out to other nations for medical treatment.
- In this time and age, we are depending on other countries' medicines and vaccines for survival.

Are we able to see the movement of our nation's money – where it's being transferred to and into whose hands?

1. FAMILY EDUCATION & ECONOMIC REVIVAL – “Building a Legacy that spans generations.”

CASE STUDY: FAMILY EDUCATION - LIFE OF JOSEPH (Genesis 37:2-50:26).

Joseph was one of Jacob's 12 sons. His life stands out as an excellent example for a case study of parental education and how it affects legacy transfer. Based on his performance, we can assume the following about Joseph’s abilities at 17 years of age:

- Public Management and Governance
- International Relations, Security & Strategy
- Advanced Certificate in Professional Ethics and Integrity
- Futurist - Prophetic & Apostolic Ministry etc

Other outstanding virtues:

- Integrity, excellence, resilience, perseverance in adversity, emotional Intelligence, loyalty, obedience & faithfulness, reliance on God’s ability, wisdom, generosity etc.

CHALLENGE: Most of our parents were highly skilled, trained in prestigious schools and universities, were celebrated, but unfortunately, they die with all those skills without PASSING-ON to their children.

Even today, we have renowned Economists, Engineers, Business Strategists, Agriculturalists, Doctors, Entrepreneurs, with unmatched experiences, unfortunately, many are more focused on their personal career achievements than raising a new generation in their households. We pride ourselves for working with big organizations, “permanent and pensionable,” yet we fail to start our own family businesses and train our children to take over. This is the same cycle that continues – wasting of valuable resources.

We know from Genesis 13 that Abram was very wealthy in livestock, gold, and silver. By the time he had to rescue Lot in Genesis 14 he had over 300 trained men, presumably trained in the use of arms. This is a corporation! How many are sons and daughters of Abraham?

Passing on: “Now Abraham **gave all that he had to Isaac**; but to the sons of his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and sent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.” (Genesis 25:5-6).

Does Isaac walk in the steps of his Father? The answer is YES – He multiplied it the more. God is transgenerational, and the same with the Covenant of Wealth. Look at the Asians.

2. CHURCH EDUCATION & ECONOMIC REVIVAL.

With all the sermons, exhortations, prayers and number of church organizations opened everywhere, for the last 50 or so years, are our congregations, societies, marketplaces morally better, faithful to Jesus, prosperous, having blessed families etc?

Have the preachers themselves been changed by the same preachings & prayers, to be more like Christ: accountable, good examples esp. in marriage & family? **A postmortem is REQUIRED.** The early CHURCH was transformed by the same gospel.

The “world” says that when you come to “Church,” that’s the moment you begin to be poor. No wonder some of the greatest prayer requests are for money, financial breakthrough, etc. **A postmortem is REQUIRED!**

The good news that Jesus Christ left us is message of the kingdom of God system. It's about governance, systems, management about nations and the way God does things, but we have reduced it to religion. We over emphasise prayer, as the solution to all problems, over the seeking first the kingdom – understanding the laws, principles, and application of kingdom systems of governance to managing resources and life.

The Ekklesia is one of the best resourced centres in the world, but least utilised, poor in governance of resources. We have the best engineers, doctors, counsellors, economist, etc. all under one roof, but are they are reduced to professional mutes, they sing, clap, give and then come back next week. They are good church members so long as they come and attend, the pastors praise them.

The design of the modern-day Church has created superstar leaders (the only bull in the kraal), who can preach all year round, without giving opportunity to professionals from the 7 mountains a chance to empower people to come out of poverty. Let's agree, if it was by prayer and casting out demons, the Church would be the most prosperous. There's more!

We have 12 months in a Year – can we give at least 7 months to these Kingdom professionals to TEACH on MONEY, INVESTMENT, CONSTRUCTION, HEALTH etc. Let the Pastors deal with their callings.

With all the superstar model, is the Church prosperous? **Poverty will not ONLY go away by praying**, blaming it on the devil, curses etc. All that is good and encouraged, but the biggest problem is **IGNORANCE** – “My people perish because of lack of knowledge.” Instead of renewing our minds (with kingdom knowledge, laws, principles, culture, ethics etc) when we come to the Kingdom, we remove our minds, and resort to the “Twala, I receive mode.” We pray more, but when it comes to financing our projects, conference we run to them and beg in the night.

The world is laughing at us because we have become deluded – we aren't attractive as Kingdom Citizens (too stressed and in debt). Jesus taught a lot on Money, Stewardship, and Investment. Let the Professionals arise!

At Mishkan, professionals are part of preaching and teaching engagements – Health, Agricultural etc. Just after COVID – we hosted several free Zoom Webinars. One of them was, “*How to Thrive in the Digital Economy.*” Unfortunately, the people of the world attended more than Believers! You can guess where they were locked in.

The webinar series, brought together an amazing line up of IT & Business Industry Experts from the Region, who offered an inside look at how business owners and start-ups can be empowered to effectively plan, and implement successful digital transformation strategy across their business models.

We need to re-educate our members! It's not just the curses and demons, its **IGNORANCE** – **DARKNESS**. We may need to launch “Operation Ignorance Out.”

3. HIGHER EDUCATION & ECONOMIC REVIVAL

Countries all around us, have placed greater emphasis on developing an education system that can produce a workforce that's able to function in new industries, economies, such as science and technology. Part of the reason is that older industries (with old technologies) in developed economies have become less competitive and thus are less likely to continue dominating the industrial landscape.

- If we are to give our children a good inheritance of Education, not just certificates, there must be an Education Reformation for Economic Revival and Wealth Transfer in our Nation.

- Are our graduates employable? Are they competing fairly in the global arena, or we are relegated to just odd jobs.
- Where is money going? From where you sit, are seeing the movement of money to our local professionals or “investors” / expatriates?
- They called “investors” may not have silver and gold, but quality education, experience, exposure, and good understanding of business dynamics thus creative, and can see opportunities where we can’t.
- How many strategic contracts, employment opportunities etc are evading our “Makerere trained graduates” for example in the oil industry, hotels, agriculture etc?
- Makerere University is rated among the best in Africa, and the world, but even after over 100 years, we don’t we have our professionals building our roads, Telecoms networks until we outsource. Are our graduates employable? If yes, which type of Jobs. How are our businesses doing, do they span 10 years.
- Where is the money going? Are you locating the “Economic Google Pin.” Even simple motor vehicle mechanics: not manufacturing but repair is a headache...trust, skill, etc
- Greater part of our labour force is selling their inheritance to go for “kyeyo” abroad...these are our graduates, riding bodas, so painful.

The world has moved to Artificial Intelligence, Coding, Robotics, Machine Operations etc. A modern-day parent must do more to improve his Child’s life and future in this global village. Power grid network is still a problem, internet connectivity etc...but the world will not wait for us we sing our famous chorus, “Gavumenti etuyambe.”

Money goes to the skilled. Investors will employ the skilled, exposed, experienced and these are the ones that money will find. God only gives you what you can handle.

WAY FORWARD:

As parents, go the extra mile – enrol your children for these FREE online courses, involve them in exchange programs/work attachments etc.

SCRIPTURES FOR PRAYER

EXODUS 31:1-6

The LORD said to Moses, “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft....

EXODUS 35:30-35

Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. **And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.** He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designer.

JEREMIAH 33:2-3

“Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name: Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

DANIEL 2:19-23

Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;

he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness,

and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers,

I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might,

and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”