

# 50-DAY PRAYER AND FASTING SEASON: 19th August – 8th October 2025

# **FOCUS ON THE GOVERNANCE SPHERE**

#### 2026 NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND THE FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP IN UGANDA

PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK ONE: 19th August to 24th August 2025

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
WEEK ONE:			
1	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Personal Preparation
2	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Self-Governance
3	Thursday	21st August 2025	Family Governance
4	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2025	Institutional Governance
5	Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025	Community Governance
6	Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Church Governance

# TUESDAY 19th AUGUST 2025

#### PERSONAL PREPARATION

## 1 Corinthians 11:31,32

For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

#### Psalm 19:12-14

Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

#### 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

As we enter the 2025 season of prayer, it is essential that we begin with selfexamination of our lives and the attitudes of our hearts. Genuine repentance is the key that



silences the voice of the "accuser of the brethren" (Revelation 12:10) before the throne of God. If we fail to deal with sin, the legal ground for his accusations remains intact, and our prayers risk being rendered ineffective.

In Psalm 19:12, the psalmist cries out concerning "hidden faults" and "presumptuous sins." Hidden faults are those we are aware of, though they may remain unseen by others. Presumptuous sins, however, are far more dangerous. They are also called "willful" or "deliberate sins" - acts committed knowingly, defiantly, and intentionally, in open disregard of God's commands. Such sins reflect a hardened and rebellious heart - one that understands God's will yet chooses to act in pride and disobedience.

This attitude stems from carelessness - carelessness toward God and His Word, and carelessness toward the needs of others. Because of their seriousness, God made no provision for the atonement of presumptuous sins under the old covenant. This underscores how deeply offensive they are to Him, and how urgently we must guard our hearts from falling into them.

#### Numbers 15:30-31

You shall have one law for him who does anything unintentionally, for him who is native among the people of Israel and for the stranger who sojourns among them. But the person who does anything with a high hand, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from among his people. Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken his commandment, that person shall be utterly cut off; his iniquity shall be on him."

#### **SELF EXAMINATION**

#### 1 John 2:1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

#### Psalm 139:23,24

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!

Take time today to examine yourself against the sins listed in below. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and confess anything that He brings to light.

#### 1. Sins Against God

**Examples:** Idolatry, blasphemy, denying Christ, heresy, trusting in riches, unbelief, loving pleasure more than God.

## **Scriptures:**

• "You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3)



• "But without faith it is impossible to please Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

## Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for every way I have placed other loves above You - whether riches, pleasures, or self. Cleanse me from unbelief and idolatry. I renounce every false trust and confess that my hope is in You alone through Jesus Christ.

#### 2. Sins of the Heart and Mind

**Examples:** Pride, bitterness, hatred, jealousy, envy, malice, fearfulness, greed, lustful desires, unthankfulness.

## **Scriptures:**

- "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." (Proverbs 4:23)
- "Create in me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)

### **Prayer:**

Father, I confess the pride, jealousy, and bitterness that I have harbored in my heart. Forgive me for desiring forbidden things and for being unthankful. Cleanse my mind from evil thoughts and fill me with Your Spirit of humility, gratitude, and love.

## 3. Sins of the Tongue

**Examples:** Lying, slander, backbiting, mockery, murmuring, idle words, corrupt speech, gossip.

# **Scriptures:**

- "The tongue has the power of life and death." (Proverbs 18:21)
- "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good for edifying." (Ephesians 4:29)

#### Prayer:

Lord, set a guard over my lips. Forgive me for every careless word, gossip, and slander that has come from my mouth. Help me to speak words that build up, heal, and glorify Your name.

## 4. Sexual Sins

**Examples:** Adultery, fornication, cohabiting, lust, lasciviousness, defiling the body. **Scriptures:** 

- "Flee from sexual immorality...your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit." (1 Corinthians 6:18–19)
- "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)

#### Prayer:

Father, I repent of every form of sexual impurity in thought, word, and action. Wash me with the blood of Jesus and restore purity in my body, mind, and spirit. Strengthen me to honor You with holiness.

#### 5. Sins Against Others

**Examples:** Disobedience to parents, provoking children, unkindness, quarrelsomeness, divisions, selfishness, brawling, contentiousness.

#### **Scriptures:**

- "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)
- "If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18)

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, forgive me for failing to love others as You command. Heal relationships I have



damaged through anger, selfishness, or unkindness. Give me a heart of compassion, patience, and humility.

## 6. Sins of Dishonesty and Injustice

**Examples:** Stealing, bribery, dishonesty, extortion, treachery, guile, unjust gain, wasting time. **Scriptures:** 

- "You shall not steal." (Exodus 20:15)
- "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight." (Proverbs 11:1)

#### Prayer:

Father, I repent of dishonesty in any form—whether through theft, deceit, or misuse of time and resources. Cleanse me from greed and teach me to walk in truth, fairness, and integrity.

#### 7. Sins of Conduct and Lifestyle

**Examples:** Drunkenness, revelry, rebellion, witchcraft, hypocrisy, ignoring God's Word, laziness, worldliness.

#### **Scriptures:**

- "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)
- "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

#### Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for careless living, for hypocrisy, and for wasting my time on worldly pleasures. Deliver me from every habit that dishonors You. Fill me with Your Spirit that I may live a disciplined, Spirit-led life.

Heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned in many ways - against You, against others, and against myself. I thank You for the blood of Jesus that cleanses from all unrighteousness. Today, I renounce every sin and invite Your Spirit to lead me into holiness. Strengthen me to live in purity, truth, and love, so that my life will bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### TO DO:

- 1. Take stock of your heart, your thoughts and your and actions
- 2. Repent and make restitution where you where you need to
- 3. Make personal, family and corporate commitments to do things God's way