



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

### FOCUS ON THE GOVERNANCE SPHERE

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

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR WEEK THREE: 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
14	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Land and Soil Management
15	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Water Management
16	Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Biodiversity & the Natural Environment
17	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Wildlife
18	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Livestock, Fisheries and Agriculture
19	Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Energy
20	Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Minerals and Natural Resources

### DAY 14: 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### LAND, SOIL MANAGEMENT, AND GOVERNANCE: *Stewardship of God's Creation*

##### PSALM 24:1

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it*

##### DEUTERONOMY 19:14

*"Do not move your neighbor's boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive."*

##### NUMBERS 35:33–34

*"Do not pollute the land where you are... Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell"*

### INTRODUCTION

Land and soil are among the most precious gifts God has entrusted to humanity. They are the foundation of agriculture, food security, shelter, and economic stability. How a nation manages its land is a governance issue and not only an environmental or economic matter — it is that reveals whether leaders are acting as faithful stewards of God's creation or as exploiters of resources.

From the opening pages of Scripture, we are reminded that the earth belongs to God: *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). Humanity was placed in the Garden of Eden not to exploit, but *"to work it and take care of it"* (Genesis 2:15). Governance of land, therefore, is a sacred trust.

## **1. Land as a Divine Trust**

In biblical thought, land was never simply property to be exploited. It was God's inheritance to His people, meant to sustain life and promote justice. When Israel entered Canaan, land was allocated by tribe and family, with laws forbidding the permanent alienation of inheritance (Leviticus 25:23).

When governance respects land as a divine trust, policies are just, resources are protected, and future generations are considered. When governance fails, corruption, land grabbing, and environmental destruction rob people of their inheritance.

*Micah 2:2 warns: "They covet fields and seize them... they defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance."*

## **2. Governance, Policy, and Justice in Land**

Land management is one of the most contested governance issues in Africa and around the world. Governments set policies on ownership, use, and conservation. Weak governance often leads to inequitable distribution, displacement of the poor, and violent land conflicts.

Just governance, however, promotes equity, transparency, and protection of the vulnerable. It ensures that widows, orphans, and marginalized groups are not denied access. It resolves disputes fairly and uses land policies to prevent injustice.

*Deuteronomy 19:14 commands: "Do not move your neighbor's boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive."* Land justice was foundational to community peace.

## **3. Soil as the Foundation of Life**

Soil is more than dirt beneath our feet - it is the living foundation of food security, health, and prosperity. Yet soil degradation through over-cultivation, deforestation, and pollution is one of the greatest threats to nations today.

Governance that values soil health invests in sustainable agriculture, irrigation, conservation, and climate resilience. Without such foresight, famine, hunger, and poverty are inevitable.

*Leviticus 26:4 - "I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit."* Soil fertility is tied not only to natural cycles, but also to human obedience and stewardship.

## **4. Land, Conflict, and National Stability**

Throughout history, land disputes have fueled conflict. In Africa, colonial legacies and corrupt land allocations continue to spark violence and displacements. Governance that mishandles land risks destabilizing entire nations.

Conversely, wise governance that ensures fairness and inclusivity fosters peace and stability. God's vision is that *"Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid"* (Micah 4:4). True peace is inseparable from just land governance.

## **5. Stewardship and Sustainability**

Land and soil are not infinite. Governance must balance economic growth with environmental sustainability. Deforestation, mining without rehabilitation, and urban sprawl without planning destroy the land and jeopardize future generations.

Righteous governance calls for reforestation, soil conservation, and environmental stewardship. To pollute and degrade the land is not only bad governance but also sin, for God declares: *“Do not pollute the land where you are... Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell”* (Numbers 35:33–34).

## **6. Land, Soil, and National Prosperity**

Nations rise and fall on their ability to manage their land. Food security, economic growth, and resilience in the face of climate change all depend on wise soil and land governance. When land yields its harvest, nations prosper; when it is exploited, people groan.

- *Psalm 67:6 — “The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.”*
- *Proverbs 29:4 — “By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down.”*

## **Conclusion: Governance as Stewardship of the Land**

Land and soil management are not peripheral issues - they are central to governance, justice, and nation-building. Leaders are accountable to God for how they steward land policies, protect soil, and distribute inheritance. Citizens experience governance most directly in whether they have secure access to fertile soil, safe boundaries, and a peaceful environment.

As God’s people, we must advocate for just land governance, practice sustainable stewardship, and pray for leaders who will treat the land not as a commodity for exploitation, but as a sacred trust for the blessing of all.

*Proverbs 14:34 reminds us: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.”* Righteous stewardship of land and soil exalts nations; greed and corruption bring them low.

Land is God’s gift; soil is the foundation of life. Governance of land is a test of righteousness and justice. Stewardship is everyone’s responsibility - leaders, citizens, and the Church. When land is governed with righteousness, nations prosper; when it is corrupted, nations decay.

Therefore,

### **Leaders have the responsibility to:**

- Develop and enforce just land policies that protect the vulnerable.
- Invest in soil conservation, irrigation, and reforestation programs.
- Ensure transparency in land allocation to reduce corruption and disputes.

### **Communities have the responsibility to:**

- Practice sustainable agriculture that preserves soil fertility.
- Resolve land disputes peacefully through mediation and community dialogue.
- Protect community lands (forests, grazing fields, water catchments) for future generations.

**The Church has the responsibility to:**

- Teach biblical stewardship of land and creation care.
- Advocate for justice in land distribution and protection of the poor.
- Use church land responsibly as a model of sustainable and productive use.

**Individuals have the responsibility to:**

- Manage land as a steward, not just an owner.
- Plant trees, conserve soil, and use land responsibly.
- Refuse to participate in corruption related to land deals.

**PRAYER GUIDE: LAND, SOIL MANAGEMENT, AND GOVERNANCE****1. Thanksgiving for God's Gift of Land and Soil**

The earth is God's creation and His gift to humanity for stewardship and flourishing.  
*Psalm 24:1 — "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*  
*Genesis 1:29 — "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."*

**Prayer:**

Lord, we thank You for the land You have entrusted to us — rich soils, green pastures, fertile valleys, and abundant resources. Thank You for the food it produces and the livelihoods it sustains. We acknowledge that the earth is Yours, and we are only stewards.

**2. Repentance for Mismanagement and Injustice**

Land has often been abused through corruption, poor stewardship, and greed. Injustice in land allocation and soil degradation dishonor God.

*Isaiah 24:5 — "The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant."*

*Micah 2:2 — "They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance."*

**Prayer:**

Father, forgive us where we have misused land, stripped forests, polluted soils, and allowed greed and corruption to dominate land allocation. Forgive leaders who have stolen land and denied the poor their inheritance. Forgive us for neglecting justice in land ownership and stewardship. Cleanse our nation and restore righteousness in our relationship with the land.

**3. Prayer for Leaders and Governance of Land**

Good governance must ensure fair, sustainable, and transparent management of land and soil.

*Proverbs 29:4 — "By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down."*

*Ezekiel 45:9 — "Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right. Stop dispossessing my people, declares the Sovereign Lord."*

**Prayer:**


Lord, grant wisdom and integrity to leaders, ministries, and institutions that govern land.

Protect them from corruption, bribery, and favoritism. Establish systems that are just, transparent, and sustainable. Raise righteous leaders who understand that land is not a commodity of greed but a sacred trust to be shared and stewarded well.

#### **4. Prayer for Fertility and Restoration of the Land**

Healthy soils and fertile land are essential for food security and prosperity.

Governance must ensure environmental protection and restoration.

 *Leviticus 26:4–5 — “I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit.”*

 *Psalms 67:6 — “The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.”*

##### **Prayer:**

Lord, heal our land from erosion, desertification, pollution, and degradation. Bless the soil with fertility and productivity. Protect farmers and communities who depend on the land. Let the land yield its harvest in abundance, and may Your blessing rest upon it.

#### **5. Prayer for Equity and Justice in Land Ownership**

Land is often the source of inequality, conflict, and oppression. Good governance ensures fairness and access for all, especially the vulnerable.

*Deuteronomy 19:14 — “Do not move your neighbor’s boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive.”*

*Proverbs 31:8–9 — “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy.”*

##### **Prayer:**

Father, protect widows, orphans, and the poor from being denied access to land. End corruption and oppression in land allocation. Defend refugees, indigenous peoples, and marginalized communities. Raise up leaders and citizens who defend the vulnerable and preserve inheritance with justice.

#### **6. Prayer for Sustainable Use and Environmental Stewardship**

Land misuse — deforestation, over-cultivation, pollution — leads to environmental collapse. Governance must safeguard sustainability.

*Genesis 2:15 — “The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”*

*Numbers 35:33–34 — “Do not pollute the land where you are... Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell.”*

##### **Prayer:**

Lord, teach us to care for the soil and environment as Your stewards. Deliver us from destructive farming and exploitation of natural resources. Inspire leaders to make policies that protect forests, rivers, and soils for future generations. Let Uganda and all nations be known for sustainable stewardship of creation.

#### **7. Prayer for National Peace and Stability through Land Governance**

Conflicts over land often lead to violence, displacement, and instability. Good governance of land promotes peace.

*Micah 4:4 — “Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid.”*

*Psalm 85:12 — “The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.”*

**Prayer:**

Lord, heal our nation from conflicts rooted in land disputes. Let every family live in peace under their vine and fig tree without fear. Bring justice to land cases, and restore harmony between communities. Establish peace through righteous governance of land and soil.

**8. Prayer for Global Healing and Provision through the Land**

Land and soil are part of God’s provision for all nations. Good governance allows this gift to flourish globally.

*Revelation 22:2 - “The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”*

*Amos 9:14 - “I will bring my people back from exile. They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.”*

**Prayer:**

Lord, let nations prosper as they care for their land. Heal the earth from exploitation and greed. May fields yield food, forests provide balance, and creation flourish again. Let the wealth of the land be used to bless nations, not to divide or destroy them.

**Closing Prayer**

*Father, we dedicate the land and soil of our nation to You. Forgive our misuse, heal our degradation, and restore our inheritance. Raise leaders of integrity who will govern land with justice, wisdom, and equity. Bless the soil to yield harvests that feed the people, bring prosperity, and glorify Your name. May every citizen dwell under their vine and fig tree in peace, and may righteousness exalt our nation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*