



## 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 15: 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

#### WATER MANAGEMENT

#### *Justice that Flows Like a River*

##### PSALM 65:9

*“You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.”*

##### ISAIAH 41:18

*“I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.”*

##### EXODUS 15:25

*“The Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.”*

### INTRODUCTION

#### **Water Management: Stewarding God’s Streams of Life**

Water is both one of God’s most essential gifts and one of humanity’s greatest governance challenges. From Genesis to Revelation, water is central to life, blessing, and even judgment. “A river watering the garden flowed from Eden”(Genesis 2:10), while in Revelation, “the river of the water of life” flows from the throne of God (Revelation 22:1).

Yet water also reveals governance failures. Where leaders neglect water management, communities suffer from scarcity, disease, pollution, and conflict. Where leaders govern wisely, water sustains health, agriculture, industry, and peace.

The challenge of water management is intensified by droughts, dried up rivers and wells, floods destroying homes and crops, and unpredictable rainfall disrupting planting seasons. Effective governance must therefore integrate disaster preparedness, climate

adaptation, and stewardship of water resources. Without this foresight, nations face instability, hunger, and unrest.

Water is life. It nourishes our bodies, feeds our crops, drives our economies, and sustains ecosystems. But water is also a mirror of governance. The state of a nation's rivers, wells, and sanitation systems often tells us more about the quality of its leadership than its laws on paper. Where governance is weak, water becomes polluted, scarce, or stolen; where governance is righteous, water flows fairly, abundantly, and sustainably.

From Genesis to Revelation, water runs like a golden thread through the story of God's people. It is both physical and spiritual - a necessity for life and a symbol of God's presence.

## **Uganda's Water Resources**

Uganda is one of Africa's most water-rich countries, earning it the title **"the Pearl of Africa."** About **15–20% of Uganda's surface area** is covered by water bodies and wetlands.

- **Lakes and Rivers:** Uganda hosts **Lake Victoria**, the largest freshwater lake in Africa and the source of the River Nile, the world's longest river. Other major lakes include Albert, Edward, George, Kyoga, and Bunyonyi. The Nile flows through the country, providing hydroelectric potential, fisheries, irrigation, and transport.
- **Wetlands:** Wetlands cover about **13% of Uganda's territory**, supporting biodiversity, water filtration, and livelihoods (e.g., papyrus harvesting, fishing, brick-making).
- **Groundwater:** Springs and aquifers are vital for rural water supply, though access to safe drinking water remains uneven across regions.

Water resources are critical for **energy (hydropower dams), agriculture (irrigation), fisheries, transport, and tourism.** However, they face threats from pollution, wetland encroachment, climate change, and poor governance.

Sustainably managing Uganda's water resources is essential for national development, public health, and environmental resilience.

### **1. Water as God's Provision**

Water is a special resource; it is a sacred trust. Scripture reminds us that God Himself provides water in due season: *"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly"* (Psalm 65:9). Governance of water, then, must ensure fair distribution, protect natural watersheds, and prevent pollution.

Bible begins with rivers flowing out of Eden to water the garden (Genesis 2:10). Water was God's first provision for life and fruitfulness. Later, when Hagar and her son Ishmael were perishing in the desert, God opened her eyes to see a well (Genesis 21:19). When Israel wandered in the wilderness, God made water gush from a rock to sustain them (Exodus 17:6).

Governance that follows God's ways must see water not as a commodity to be hoarded, but as a gift to be shared. Psalm 65:9 reminds us: *"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly."*

### **2. Water as a Justice Issue**

Water is often where injustice is most visible. In some communities, families walk miles for unsafe water, while in others, people and animals share the same muddy pond. These are not just technical failures — they are failures of governance.

The prophets often used water imagery to describe justice. Amos cried: *"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5:24). A river that runs dry is a symbol of oppression; a river that flows abundantly is a picture of justice.

When governments mismanage water, the poor suffer first — through disease, hunger, and indignity. But when governance is righteous, even the most vulnerable can sit by their well and drink in peace.

### **3. Water and Governance**

Today, rains are unpredictable, droughts are longer, and floods are more destructive. Entire nations face food insecurity because of poor water stewardship.

Proverbs 29:4 says: *“By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down.”* In water management, stability comes from foresight: irrigation systems, dams, flood protection, and sustainable land use. Greed and corruption in water projects, however, tear nations down.

Governance must prepare for disasters, protect watersheds, and manage resources not just for today but for future generations.

### **4. Water, Health, and Sanitation**

Without safe water, health collapses. Cholera, typhoid, and diarrhea outbreaks are often symptoms of broken governance in water and sanitation. Climate disasters worsen these threats by contaminating water supplies after floods or drying them up in droughts.

Exodus 15:25 — *“The Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.”* God provides solutions when water is unsafe.

### **5. Water as a Spiritual Symbol**


Beyond its physical role, water carries deep spiritual meaning in Scripture. It cleanses, refreshes, and renews.

- The psalmist prayed: *“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow”* (Psalm 51:7).
- Jesus told the Samaritan woman: *“Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life”* (John 4:14).
- And again, *“Whoever believes in me... rivers of living water will flow from within them”* (John 7:38).

Good governance of water points us to the greater reality — that just as our bodies and lands thirst for water, our souls thirst for God’s Spirit. Just as water revives the land, so righteousness and just governance bring renewal to nations. And just as rivers must flow for communities to thrive, justice must flow for nations to flourish.

### **6. Water, Conflict, and Peace**

Scarcity breeds conflict. Around the world, water shortages have fueled disputes between tribes, communities, and even nations. Floods and droughts displace populations, creating competition for resources. Good governance mediates disputes, ensures fairness, and turns water into a source of peace, not war.

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

### **7. Water, Agriculture, and Economy**

Water sustains farms, livestock, and industries. Climate shocks like droughts reduce harvests, while floods wash away crops. Governance must prioritize irrigation, watershed protection, and climate-smart agriculture. Without this, hunger and poverty deepen.

*Deuteronomy 28:12 — “The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.”*

### **8. The Call to Stewardship**

Water is both a blessing and a test. Leaders are accountable to God for whether they manage water for the good of all or for the enrichment of a few. Citizens, too, are responsible — to use water wisely, to protect rivers and wells, and to hold leaders accountable.

Numbers 35:34 warns: *“Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell among the Israelites.”* Pollution of water and destruction of watersheds is not only bad governance — it is sin against God who dwells among us.

### **Conclusion: Living Water and Flowing Justice**

Beyond pipes, dams, and wells, water management is about governance, justice, and righteousness. A healthy nation is like a river: clean, abundant, and life-giving. A broken nation is like a polluted or dried-up stream: a source of disease and despair.

God’s desire is that nations live in a state of shalom, where every household has water to drink, every farm has water to grow food, and every community has peace. Spiritually, He desires that rivers of living water flow from within us, bringing healing and renewal to our nations. The challenge for us is clear: steward water as God’s gift, govern it with justice, and let it point us to the living water that only Christ can give.

Nations that govern water wisely will flourish with health, food security, and peace. Those that mismanage it will face disease, famine, and instability. God’s call is clear: *“Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”* (Amos 5:24).

## **PRAYER GUIDE: WATER, CLIMATE, AND GOVERNANCE**

### **1. Thanksgiving for the Gift of Water**

*Psalms 65:9 — “You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.”*

Lord, we thank You for rivers, rains, lakes, and wells. Thank You for the gift of clean water that sustains our lives, feeds our crops, and refreshes our spirits.

### **2. Repentance for Mismanagement and Pollution**

*Jeremiah 2:13 — “They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”*

Father, forgive us for polluting rivers, wasting water, and mismanaging resources. Forgive leaders who use water for profit instead of service. Cleanse our land from greed and negligence.

### **3. Prayer for Leaders in Water Governance**

*Proverbs 8:15–16 — “By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just.”*

Lord, grant wisdom to leaders in ministries of water, agriculture, and environment. Give them vision for sustainable management and courage to resist corruption.

### **4. Prayer for Protection from Climate Disasters**



*Isaiah 43:2 — “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.”*

Lord, protect our people from floods, droughts, and water-related disasters. Strengthen disaster preparedness and guide governance to build resilience for future generations.

#### **5. Prayer for Health and Sanitation**

*Exodus 15:26 — “I am the Lord, who heals you.”*

Lord, heal our people from waterborne diseases. Strengthen sanitation systems, and ensure every child and family has access to clean drinking water.

#### **6. Prayer for Agriculture and Economy**

*Amos 9:13 — “The days are coming... when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills.”*

Lord, bless our farms, irrigation, and industries with abundant and justly managed water. Let our economy flourish through righteous stewardship of this gift.

#### **7. Prayer for Peace and Equity**

*Amos 5:24 — “Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”*

Lord, heal conflicts over water. May rivers and wells become symbols of peace, not strife. Grant fairness so that the poor, rural, and marginalized enjoy access to water as a right, not a privilege.

#### **8. Prayer for Spiritual Renewal**

*John 7:38 “Whoever believes in me... rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

Lord Jesus, pour out living water upon our nation. Let revival flow like rivers into dry hearts and weary communities. May governance of water reflect Your justice, mercy, and life.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Father, we commit our waters to You — the rains, rivers, lakes, and underground springs. Forgive our mismanagement and neglect. Protect us from floods and droughts. Raise leaders of wisdom and courage who will steward water with justice and foresight. Let every household drink freely, every farm flourish, and every community live in peace. May justice roll like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream in our nation, now and for generations to come. In Jesus’ name, Amen.