



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 TWO: 1st to 7th September 2025

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

DAY 16: 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025

BIODIVERSITY, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND GOVERNANCE IN UGANDA

PSALM 104:24

“How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all.”

ROMANS 8:21

“Creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay.”

INTRODUCTION

Uganda is often called the “Pearl of Africa”, richly blessed with biodiversity and natural beauty. From the forests of Mabira and Budongo to the wetlands of Lutembe, from the mighty River Nile to the great lakes (Victoria, Albert, Kyoga, Edward), and from mountain ranges like Rwenzori to savannahs teeming with wildlife, Uganda is one of the most biodiverse countries on the continent.

This richness is a divine gift, but it also places Uganda under a heavy governance responsibility. Decisions about land use, forestry, wetlands, and wildlife management will determine whether the Pearl shines brighter or is tarnished by neglect, corruption, and exploitation.

Uganda’s Key Biodiversity Challenges

1. Deforestation

Uganda loses an estimated 90,000 hectares of forest annually due to charcoal burning, timber harvesting, and agricultural expansion. This deforestation reduces rainfall, worsens climate change, and destroys habitats for endangered species like chimpanzees.

Isaiah 5:8 — “Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left.”

2. Wetlands Encroachment

Wetlands (about 13% of Uganda's area) are disappearing rapidly as they are drained for farming, brick-making, and settlements. This destroys natural water filters, increases flooding, and threatens fish breeding grounds.

Jeremiah 2:7 — "I brought you into a fertile land... but you defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable."

3. Wildlife and Tourism

Uganda's biodiversity supports tourism, a key economic driver. But poaching, habitat loss, and human-wildlife conflict threaten species like elephants, giraffes, and cranes (Uganda's national symbol). Governance must balance conservation with community needs.

Job 12:7-10 — "Ask the animals, and they will teach you... In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

4. Pollution and Urban Growth

Kampala and other towns face challenges with waste management, air pollution, and untreated sewage entering Lake Victoria. This undermines water quality, fish stocks, and human health.

Numbers 35:34 — "Do not defile the land where you live and where I dwell."

5. Climate Shocks

Uganda is vulnerable to climate shocks. Deforestation and wetland loss worsen droughts, floods, and landslides (e.g., Bududa). Food security and national stability are increasingly tied to environmental resilience.

Isaiah 24:5 — "The earth is defiled by its people... they have broken the everlasting covenant."

PRAYER POINTS FOR UGANDA'S BIODIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. Thanksgiving for Uganda's Natural Heritage

Psalms 104:24 — "How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all."

Lord, we thank You for Uganda's forests, wetlands, rivers, lakes, mountains, and wildlife. Thank You for making this land fertile and beautiful.

2. Repentance for Environmental Destruction

Jeremiah 2:7 — "You defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable."

Forgive us for cutting down forests carelessly, draining wetlands, and polluting rivers. Forgive leaders who allow encroachment and citizens who neglect creation. Heal our land, Lord.

3. Prayer for Leaders and Policy Reform

Proverbs 29:2 — "When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan."



Lord, raise righteous leaders who will protect Uganda's biodiversity. Break the power of corruption in land giveaways, illegal logging, and wetland grabbing. Strengthen policies for sustainable use and honest enforcement.

4. Prayer for Protection of the Poor

Isaiah 32:18 — "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest."

Lord, protect rural families who depend on firewood, rivers, and soils for survival. Provide alternatives that do not destroy the environment. Let justice reach the poor in environmental governance.

5. Prayer for Reforestation and Restoration

Isaiah 61:4 — "They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated."

Lord, bless national reforestation efforts and community tree-planting projects. Restore wetlands, forests, and degraded lands. Let Uganda flourish again with green cover and abundant harvests.

6. Prayer for Climate Resilience

Amos 9:13 — "New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills."

Lord, protect Uganda from droughts, floods, and landslides. Build resilience in farming, water management, and urban planning. May our land stand strong under Your blessing.

7. Prayer for the Church as Custodian of Creation

Romans 8:21 — "Creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay."

Lord, make the Church in Uganda a voice for creation care. Inspire Christians to plant trees, protect rivers, and teach stewardship. Let the Church model integrity in land use and environmental governance.

Closing Prayer

Father, we dedicate Uganda's forests, wetlands, rivers, lakes, and wildlife into Your hands. Forgive us where we have destroyed and defiled what You entrusted to us. Raise up leaders and citizens who will govern creation with wisdom and justice. Let Uganda's biodiversity flourish, its land yield abundantly, and its people live in peace. May the Pearl of Africa shine as a testimony of Your glory and stewardship. In Jesus' name, Amen.