



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 THREE: 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 – solar wind
20	Sunday	7 th September 2025	Minerals and Natural Resources

DAY 18: 5th SEPTEMBER 2025

LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, AND AGRICULTURE IN UGANDA Governance for Food, Justice, and Prosperity

DEUTERONOMY 8:7–8

“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey.”

PROVERBS 27:23

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.”

EZEKIEL 47:9

“Where the river flows... there will be large numbers of fish.”

INTRODUCTION

Agriculture, livestock, and fisheries are the backbone of Uganda’s economy and the daily livelihood of millions of households. Over 70% of Ugandans are directly dependent on farming, animal rearing, or fishing for survival. The richness of Uganda’s soils, climate, lakes, and rivers makes the nation fertile and naturally endowed. Yet, paradoxically, food insecurity, malnutrition, and poverty remain widespread.

This paradox is a governance challenge. How leaders manage agricultural policies, livestock health, and fisheries regulation determines whether Uganda’s abundance translates into prosperity or whether mismanagement turns blessings into crises.

Deuteronomy 8:7–8 “For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs... a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey.” Uganda is such a “good land,” but it requires just and wise governance to sustain it.

1. Agriculture as Uganda's Foundation

Uganda has some of the most fertile soils in Africa. Farming underpins food security and provides raw materials for industries. However, reliance on rain-fed agriculture makes Uganda vulnerable to droughts and climate change. Poor governance has meant underinvestment in irrigation, research, and extension services, leaving smallholder farmers struggling.

Isaiah 30:23 — “He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful.”

2. Livestock and Food Security

Livestock contributes to nutrition (milk, meat, eggs), livelihoods, and cultural identity. Yet diseases such as foot-and-mouth, ticks, and parasites devastate herds because of weak veterinary services and porous borders. Governance must ensure animal health, markets, and fair regulation for pastoralist and mixed-farming communities.

Proverbs 27:23 — “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.”

3. Fisheries and Uganda's Lakes

Uganda's lakes — Victoria, Albert, Kyoga, Edward, and George — provide fish for domestic consumption and export. However, overfishing, illegal nets, and pollution threaten stocks. Governance failures in enforcing regulations and corruption in licensing erode long-term sustainability.

Ezekiel 47:9 — “Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows... there will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.”

4. Governance Challenges

- Corruption in agriculture subsidies and fisheries licensing.
- Lack of investment in irrigation, storage, and processing.
- Encroachment on grazing lands and wetlands.
- Land conflicts between pastoralists and crop farmers.
- Weak disaster preparedness for droughts, floods, and locusts.

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

5. Equity and the Vulnerable

Women and youth form the majority of Uganda's agricultural labor force, yet often lack access to land ownership, credit, and markets. Just governance ensures inclusion, fair pricing, and empowerment of the marginalized.

Ruth 2:2 — Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor.” God's laws always included provision for the vulnerable in agriculture.

6. Agriculture, Environment, and Sustainability

Soil fertility is declining due to overuse, deforestation, and poor practices. Wetland degradation reduces fish breeding grounds. Overgrazing leads to land erosion. Sustainable agriculture and fisheries governance must integrate conservation, climate-smart practices, and long-term planning.

Leviticus 25:4 — “But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards.” God’s governance included principles of sustainability.

Conclusion

Uganda’s agriculture, livestock, and fisheries are gifts from God and the backbone of her economy. Yet these sectors are fragile without righteous governance. Leaders must prioritize investment, transparency, sustainability, and justice. Citizens must steward land, animals, and water responsibly.

Proverbs 14:34 — “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.” Uganda’s exaltation depends on righteous stewardship of her fertile soils, abundant livestock, and rich waters.

PRAYER GUIDE: AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND FISHERIES IN UGANDA

1. Thanksgiving for God’s Provision

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

Lord, we thank You for Uganda’s fertile soils, abundant lakes, and rich grazing lands. Thank You for rain in its season and for the livelihoods sustained by farming, livestock, and fishing.

2. Repentance for Mismanagement and Corruption

Jeremiah 12:4 — “How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked and have no regard for God.”

Father, forgive us for corruption in subsidies, illegal fishing, and neglect of veterinary and agricultural services. Forgive leaders and citizens for exploiting rather than stewarding.

3. Prayer for Farmers and Food Security

Isaiah 30:23 — “He will also send you rain for the seed you sow... the food will be rich and plentiful.”

Lord, bless farmers with timely rains, good harvests, and resilience against droughts and floods. Protect them from pests, diseases, and exploitation.

4. Prayer for Livestock Keepers

Proverbs 27:23 — “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.”

Lord, strengthen veterinary services. Heal livestock from diseases. Provide pasture, markets, and peace for pastoralists and farmers to coexist.

5. Prayer for Fisheries

Ezekiel 47:9 — “Where the river flows... there will be large numbers of fish.”

Lord, restore Uganda’s fish stocks. Protect lakes from overfishing and pollution. Grant wisdom in licensing, enforcement, and conservation.

6. Prayer for Governance and Justice

Proverbs 29:4 — “By justice a king gives a country stability.”

Lord, raise leaders who will govern agriculture, livestock, and fisheries with justice and foresight. Break corruption and selfishness. Let policies favor the vulnerable and strengthen communities.

7. Prayer for Sustainability and Renewal

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

Lord, renew our soils, forests, and waters. Inspire climate-smart practices, reforestation, and sustainable fishing. May Uganda’s environment and resources be preserved for future generations.

Closing Prayer

Father, we dedicate Uganda’s farms, herds, and waters to You. Forgive us for neglect and greed. Bless our farmers with fruitful harvests, our pastoralists with healthy herds, and our fishers with abundant and sustainable catches. Raise leaders who govern with wisdom and citizens who steward with integrity. May Uganda truly be the “good land” You have given, flowing with provision, justice, and peace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.