



## 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 ONE: 19<sup>th</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
1	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Personal Preparation
2	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Self-Governance
3	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> 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

### FRIDAY DAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2025

### INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE

#### Proverbs 25:28:

*“Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.”*

#### **Institutional Governance: Building Trustworthy and Sustainable Organizations**

When we think of governance, our minds often go straight to governments and politics. Yet governance is not only for nations - it is the lifeblood of every institution: universities, hospitals, corporations, churches, NGOs, and community organizations. Without governance, institutions drift into confusion, corruption, or collapse. With good governance, they flourish, build trust, and fulfill their mission with integrity.

Institutional governance is the framework of systems, processes, and values through which an institution is directed, managed, and held accountable. It defines who makes decisions, how authority is exercised, how resources are stewarded, and how the institution remains true to its mission while serving its stakeholders.

The Apostle Paul reminded the Corinthians, *“Let all things be done decently and in order”* (1 Corinthians 14:40). This principle lies at the heart of governance: order, accountability, and integrity.

#### **1. Leadership and Authority Structures**

Every institution must have clarity about who leads and how authority flows. Strong governance separates oversight (boards, councils) from execution (management and staff), preventing abuse of power.

When Moses struggled to govern Israel alone, Jethro advised him to appoint leaders over groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens (Exodus 18:13–26). That structure allowed justice and administration to flow effectively. Likewise, institutions today must define roles clearly so that leadership is both effective and accountable.

## **2. Transparent Decision-Making**

Institutions rise or fall on the quality of their decisions. Good governance requires that decisions are made transparently, guided by mission, policies, and ethical standards—not personal whims.

In a university, senates govern academic policy; in a corporation, boards approve strategic direction. These processes ensure that choices are fair, considered, and aligned with the institution's values.

## **3. Accountability and Oversight**

Accountability is the heart of governance. Leaders are stewards, not owners, of the institutions they serve. Systems such as audits, performance reviews, and regular reporting ensure that leaders give account.

In Acts 6:1–6, when complaints arose about unfair distribution of resources, the apostles created a system by appointing deacons. This ensured fairness and accountability while allowing the mission of the church to continue unhindered. Institutions today need similar oversight mechanisms to preserve trust and effectiveness.

## **4. Values and Ethical Standards**

Governance is not only about structures—it is also about spirit. Institutions thrive when their leaders embody values such as integrity, fairness, justice, and stewardship.

Daniel's life in Babylon illustrates this principle. Though he served under pagan kings, his integrity made him trustworthy. In fact, his opponents admitted they could find no corruption in him (Daniel 6:4). Modern institutions likewise must uphold ethical codes that shape culture and protect their credibility.

## **5. Resource Stewardship**

Good governance ensures that resources - finances, property, people, and information—are managed responsibly. **Proverbs 13:22** teaches, *“A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children.”*

This principle applies to institutions as well: leaders must not squander resources but plan for sustainability. Hospitals must ensure that donor funds are used properly; universities must manage tuition responsibly; NGOs must handle grants transparently. Wise stewardship not only secures the present but builds for future generations.

## **6. Compliance and Legal Frameworks**

Institutions operate within wider ecosystems of law and regulation. Universities must meet accreditation standards, corporations must follow financial regulations, and NGOs must comply with national and international laws.

**Romans 13:1** reminds us that authorities are established by God, and institutions that ignore legal frameworks invite penalties, reputational loss, and even closure. Good governance ensures compliance while maintaining integrity.

## **7. Strategic Direction and Legacy**

Finally, governance provides institutions with strategic direction and secures their legacy. Leadership is not just about survival but about ensuring continuity of mission into the future. This requires vision, planning, and succession.

Paul modeled this by training Timothy and Titus to continue the work of church governance. He understood that good leadership outlives the leader. Institutions must



likewise invest in succession planning, capacity-building, and leadership development to ensure their vision endures.

### **Conclusion**

Good institutional governance is the foundation of trustworthy, sustainable, and mission-driven organizations. It combines structure (roles, processes, oversight) with spirit (values, ethics, accountability). Without governance, institutions crumble into disorder. With it, they thrive, endure, and serve their stakeholders with excellence.

As Psalm 127:1 reminds us: *“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”* Good governance begins with God’s wisdom, and it flows into systems of order, fairness, and stewardship.

The challenge for today’s leaders is this: Will you govern your institution with integrity, accountability, and vision? The strength of our institutions - and the societies they serve - depends on it.

### **Prayer Points for Institutional Governance**

#### **1. Leadership and Authority Structures**

- Lord, grant wisdom to those in leadership to exercise authority with humility and integrity (Exodus 18:21).
- We pray for clarity of roles and responsibilities in our institution, that confusion and power struggles will be removed.
- Father, raise leaders who are accountable stewards, not lords over Your people.

#### **2. Transparent Decision-Making**

- Lord, guide every decision in our institutions to align with Your will and our mission.
- Remove selfish ambition, corruption, and hidden agendas from leadership circles.
- May every policy and resolution reflect justice, fairness, and truth.

#### **3. Accountability and Oversight**

- Father, establish strong systems of accountability in our institutions.
- May leaders walk in the fear of the Lord, knowing they are stewards of Your resources.
- Expose and correct any misuse of authority or resources, and bring repentance and restoration.

#### **4. Values and Ethical Standards**

- Lord, write integrity, justice, and fairness into the heart of our institutions.
- Raise up leaders like Daniel, who cannot be corrupted, and who shine as examples of righteousness (Daniel 6:4).
- Deliver us from hypocrisy, compromise, and double standards.

#### **5. Resource Stewardship**

- Father, help us manage finances, people, and property wisely, as good stewards of what You have entrusted.
- Protect us from waste, greed, and mismanagement.
- May our institutions use its resources to bless communities and honor You.

## **6. Compliance and Legal Frameworks**

- Lord, help us to walk in compliance with the laws of the land and the standards of our different professions, while remaining true to Your Word (Romans 13:1).
- Protect our institution from legal pitfalls, fines, and reputational harm.
- May compliance not just be a duty but an opportunity to model integrity.

## **7. Strategic Direction and Legacy**

- Father, give us vision for the future - direction that aligns with Your purposes (Proverbs 29:18).
- Raise up faithful successors who will continue the mission with excellence.
- May our institutions leave legacies of godliness, integrity, and service for generations to come.

Lord, we dedicate our institutions to You. Unless You build them, we labor in vain (Psalm 127:1). Be the foundation of our governance, the guide of our decisions, and the strength of our stewardship. Let our institutions stand as testimonies of righteousness, justice, and excellence, bringing glory to Your name and blessing to all they serve. Amen.