

## 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 FOUR: 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
21	Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	The National Economy
22	Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Transport and Logistics
23	Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Information Communication and Technology
24	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Entrepreneurship, Trade and Commerce
25	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Manufacturing & Industry
26	Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Tourism and Hospitality
27	Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Labour & Employment

### DAY 22: 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

#### PROVERBS 4:26

*“Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.”*

#### ISAIAH 40:4

*“Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.”*

#### HABAKKUK 2:2

*“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”*

#### ISAIAH 58:12

*“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”*

Transport and logistics are the veins and arteries of a nation’s economy and governance. Roads, railways, airports, and waterways determine whether goods move efficiently, whether citizens can access jobs, schools, and hospitals, and whether a country connects competitively to global markets.

For Uganda, a landlocked country with a fast-growing population (projected 60 million by 2030), transport is not a luxury but a lifeline. Governance determines whether transport is efficient, affordable, and sustainable — or whether it remains a bottleneck that strangles development.

### **1. The Dire Need for Infrastructure Development**

- Uganda's economy depends on roads for **over 90% of freight and passenger movement**, yet many roads are in poor condition.
- Weak infrastructure increases the cost of doing business, reduces competitiveness, and traps farmers in poverty due to lack of access to markets.
- Governance challenges — corruption in road contracts, poor maintenance, and weak planning — worsen the situation.

### **2. Provision of Mass Transportation**

- Kampala and other cities face crippling traffic congestion, costing millions in lost productivity.
- Reliance on boda bodas and matatus (minibuses) reflects both resilience and lack of organized public transport.
- Uganda urgently needs investment in bus rapid transit (BRT) systems, electric buses, and organized commuter rail.
- Governance must plan mass transport for the future — not just patchwork solutions for today.

### **3. Railway and Seaport Connectivity**

- As a landlocked country, Uganda's trade flows through Mombasa (Kenya) and Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).
- Current reliance on trucks is costly and inefficient; fast train connections (standard gauge railway) to seaports are urgently needed.
- Governance plays a critical role in negotiating regional agreements, attracting investment, and ensuring corruption-free procurement.

### **4. Air Transport and a Robust Airline**

- A modern economy requires a competitive national airline and strong airports.
- Uganda Airlines is being revived, but governance must ensure transparency, efficiency, and profitability.
- A robust airline enhances tourism, trade, and international presence.

### **5. Governance Challenges in Transport and Logistics**

- **Corruption:** inflated contracts, poor construction quality, ghost roads.
- **Poor maintenance:** roads and bridges collapse prematurely.
- **Planning gaps:** short-term fixes instead of long-term strategy.
- **Exclusion:** rural and remote areas remain underserved.

### **6. Transport and Uganda's Future Competitiveness**

- Efficient logistics lowers business costs, creates jobs, and attracts investment.
- Infrastructure — roads, rail, air — is central to achieving **Vision 2040**.
- Governance must shift from reactive road-building to visionary planning: a national integrated transport masterplan.

## **KAMPALA'S TRAFFIC CRISIS**

Kampala, Uganda's capital and economic hub, is home to over 3.6 million daily commuters when accounting for both residents and incoming workers. With Uganda's

population growing at 3% annually, the city's transport demand has outpaced infrastructure capacity.

- **Mode of Transport:** Most commuters rely on matatus (minibuses), boda bodas (motorcycles), and private cars.
- **Road Design:** The city has few major arterial roads, limited bypasses, and inadequate traffic lights.
- **Public Transport Gap:** Kampala lacks a formal mass public transport system (like Bus Rapid Transit or commuter trains).

### The Crisis

- **Congestion:** Kampala is ranked among the most congested cities in Africa. Commuters can spend as long as 2–3 hours in traffic for journeys under 10 km.
- **Economic Losses:** The World Bank estimates Uganda loses UGX 2 trillion annually (≈ USD 550 million) due to traffic delays, fuel waste, and lost productivity.
- **Health Impact:** Air pollution from idling vehicles worsens respiratory illnesses. Noise and stress levels are also rising.
- **Safety:** Boda bodas, while convenient, account for 40%+ of road accidents in the city.

*Nahum 2:4*

*"The chariots storm through the streets, rushing back and forth through the squares. They look like flaming torches; they dart about like lightning."*

### Governance Dimensions

1. **Urban Planning Failure:** Kampala expanded rapidly without coordinated transport planning.
2. **Corruption & Delays:** Projects like the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) have stalled due to governance challenges.
3. **Limited Policy Enforcement:** Traffic laws are poorly enforced; boda bodas often operate without regulation.
4. **Financing Gaps:** Infrastructure projects depend heavily on external borrowing, creating fiscal pressure.

### Lessons from Other Cities

- **Nairobi (Kenya):** Launched BRT corridors and an expressway to reduce congestion.
- **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia):** Introduced a modern light rail system.
- **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania):** Successful BRT system reduced commute times significantly.

### Opportunities for Uganda

- **Mass Transit:** Investment in BRT, electric buses, and commuter rail would cut congestion.
- **Rail Integration:** Linking Kampala with Entebbe Airport and regional trade routes by train.
- **Non-Motorized Transport:** Safer pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
- **Policy & Enforcement:** Strong regulation of boda bodas and matatus to improve order.

*Isaiah 58:12*

*"You will be called the Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."*

## **Conclusion: Transport as a Test of Leadership**

Uganda's transport and logistics sector is both a **national weakness** and a **national opportunity**. If governance invests wisely, embraces mass transit, connects to seaports by rail, and builds a robust airline, Uganda can unleash growth and reduce poverty. If neglected, transport will remain a chokehold.

## **PRAYER GUIDE: UGANDA'S TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS**

### **1. Thanksgiving for Existing Infrastructure**

*Psalm 107:7 — "He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle."*

Lord, we thank You for the roads, airports, and railways Uganda already has. We are grateful for the resilience of our people who find ways to move goods and people even under difficult conditions. Thank You, Lord, for the resilience of Ugandans who find ways to commute and work despite challenges.

### **2. Repentance for Mismanagement**

*Isaiah 1:23 — "Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts."*

Forgive us, Lord, for corruption in road contracts, poor planning, and misuse of public resources. We repent for every shortcut and inflated project that has robbed Ugandans of safe infrastructure. Forgive our failures in planning, corruption in road projects, and lack of foresight that worsens congestion.

### **3. Prayer for Visionary Solutions**

*Proverbs 29:18 — "Where there is no vision, the people perish."*

Lord, give leaders wisdom to establish sustainable mass transit systems (BRT, commuter rail) and manage boda bodas safely.

### **4. Prayer for Mass Transportation**

*Nahum 2:4 — "The chariots storm through the streets, rushing back and forth through the squares."*

Lord, grant wisdom and urgency to leaders to develop modern bus, train, and urban transit systems. Deliver Kampala and other cities from traffic chaos.

### **5. Prayer for Railway and Seaport Connectivity**

*Isaiah 35:8 — "And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness."*

Lord, open doors for Uganda to complete modern rail connections to Mombasa and Dar es Salaam. Remove corruption from procurement and strengthen regional partnerships.



## **6. Prayer for Uganda Airlines and Air Transport**

*Isaiah 60:8 — “Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?”*

Lord, bless Uganda Airlines to be well-managed, sustainable, and competitive. May our skies be safe, our airline grow, our tourism grow, and our nation be connected globally.

## **7. Prayer for Rural Access and Inclusion**

*Luke 3:5 — “Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.”*

Lord, ensure that roads reach villages and rural communities. Let farmers access markets, children access schools, and patients access hospitals with ease.

## **8. Prayer for Economic Renewal**

*Proverbs 16:3 — “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”*

May new transport policies reduce economic losses and turn Kampala into a city of productivity, not frustration.

## **9. Prayer for Safety & Health**

*Psalms 121:8 — “The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”*

Protect commuters, reduce accidents, and cleanse the city’s air from pollution.

## **10. Prayer for Visionary Leadership**

*Proverbs 29:18 — “Where there is no vision, the people perish.”*

Lord, raise leaders with foresight to plan a modern integrated transport system. Protect Uganda from short-termism and lift us into sustainable national development.

## **Closing Prayer**

Father, we lift Uganda’s transport and logistics sector before You. Forgive our failures in planning and corruption. Raise leaders with vision, integrity, and courage to build modern roads, mass transit, railways, and a strong airline. May Uganda’s people move freely, goods flow easily, and the nation connect globally. Let righteousness exalt our transport systems, and let them become channels of prosperity and justice. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Lord, Kampala is the heart of Uganda’s economy and governance. We bring its roads, traffic, and people before You. Heal the broken systems, raise visionary leaders, and bless the city with safe, efficient, and modern transport. May Kampala reflect order, justice, and progress to the glory of Your name. Amen.

