



## 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: 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
28	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	The Financial Sector
29	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Early Childhood and Primary Education
30	Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Secondary Education
31	Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Tertiary Education
32	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Continuing Adult Informal and Non-Formal Education
33	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Education Governance
34	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	Science, Technology, Research, Innovation

### DAY 33: 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### EDUCATION GOVERNANCE

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10,11

*According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

#### PROVERBS 16:16

*How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.*

#### PROVERBS 24:3,4

*By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.*

Education governance is one of the most critical pillars in shaping the destiny of a nation. It is the system of leadership, policies, institutions, and oversight structures that determine how education is delivered, who benefits from it, and what values and skills are transmitted to the next generation.

At its core, education governance ensures that education is not left to chance or chaos but is guided by vision, structure, and accountability. Governance determines

the direction, quality, and equity of education — making it the compass that shapes the character of citizens and the trajectory of a nation’s development.

### **Governance Provides Vision and Policy Direction**

Strong governance defines why and how education exists within a nation’s priorities. Policies on curriculum design, teacher training, examination systems, qualification frameworks and funding come from governance decisions.

- Without vision, education becomes fragmented and inconsistent.
- With good governance, education aligns with national development goals.

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

### **2. Governance Ensures Equity and Access**

Governance decides whether **all children and adults**, regardless of gender, income, or location, have access to learning opportunities.

- Policies on universal primary/secondary/tertiary education, scholarships, adult education, and inclusive education for persons with disabilities all flow from governance.
- Where governance fails, inequalities widen, leaving the poor and marginalized behind.

*James 2:1* — “Believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.”

### **3. Governance Upholds Quality Standards**

Governance sets and enforces standards through ministries, inspectorates, and accrediting bodies (such as Uganda’s National Council for Higher Education -NCHE).

- It regulates teacher qualifications, curriculum relevance, infrastructure standards, and assessment methods.
- Where governance is weak, schools, tertiary institutions and universities may operate without accountability, producing half-baked graduates. This becomes particularly important in Uganda, where many private players are active in the education sector. While private institutions have greatly expanded access and helped meet the growing demand for tertiary and vocational training, the profit incentive can sometimes lead to a focus on enrollment numbers rather than academic quality. This is where governance structures must step in. Institutions such as the (NCHE) and the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) are mandated to play a critical role in setting standards, accrediting institutions, and ensuring compliance. Through clear policies, curriculum oversight, and regular quality assurance, government can encourage private investment while safeguarding educational excellence. As Scripture reminds us, ‘*To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice*’ (Proverbs 21:3). Good governance in education ensures that learning is not merely a commercial transaction, but a sacred trust that upholds dignity, equips learners with relevant skills, and prepares Uganda’s next generation of leaders and professionals.

*Ecclesiastes 10:10* — “If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.” Quality education requires sharpening, which is the role of governance.

#### **4. Governance Links Education to National Development**

Education must prepare citizens not only for personal advancement but for contributing to national priorities such as health, agriculture, ICT, and industry.

- Governance ensures alignment between education and labor markets.
- Without this link, nations face high youth unemployment despite thousands of graduates.

*Daniel 1:17* — “God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.” Knowledge must serve a higher purpose of advancing society.

#### **5. Governance Ensures Accountability and Stewardship**

Education is one of the largest investments in any nation’s budget. Governance ensures that resources - financial, human, and material - are used responsibly.

- Oversight reduces corruption in school funding, exam malpractice, and teacher deployment.
- Accountability builds trust in education systems and ensures sustainability.

*Luke 16:10* — “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.”

#### **6. Governance Shapes Values and Character**

Beyond academics, governance influences the moral and ethical content of education. Curriculum choices determine whether values such as honesty, integrity, and service are emphasized.

- Good governance integrates civic education and moral formation.
- Weak governance leaves space for corruption, moral decay, and selfish ambition.

*Proverbs 9:10* — “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

#### **Conclusion**

Education governance is the steering wheel of a nation’s human capacity development. It determines whether schools and universities will produce wise, skilled, and ethical citizens — or graduates ill-prepared for life and leadership. When governance is visionary, inclusive, accountable, and rooted in godly values, education becomes a tool of transformation. When governance fails, education becomes a breeding ground for inequality, mediocrity, and instability.

#### **PRAYER GUIDE: EDUCATION GOVERNANCE**

##### **1. Thanksgiving for God’s Gift of Education**

- Thank God for the schools, teachers, and institutions already shaping Uganda’s future.

*Psalms 119:105* — “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

##### **2. Prayer for Visionary Leadership**

- Pray for leaders in the Ministry of Education, universities, and schools to govern with foresight and wisdom.

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

### **3. Prayer for Equity and Access**

- Ask God to open doors for marginalized children and adults to access education.

*Isaiah 58:10* — “Spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed.”

### **4. Prayer for Quality and Standards**

- Pray that schools and universities in Uganda uphold high standards in teaching, research, and facilities.

*Colossians 3:23* — “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”

### **5. Prayer Against Corruption and Mismanagement**

- Declare integrity in the allocation of resources and against exam malpractice.

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

### **6. Prayer for Education to Shape Godly Values**

- Ask God to restore moral and spiritual foundations in Uganda’s education.

*Proverbs 14:34* — “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.”

### **7. Prayer for National Transformation through Education**

- Pray that God restores Uganda’s education system and once again make it a model for Africa, producing leaders, innovators, and reformers.
- *Isaiah 54:13* — “All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace.”