



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 SIX: 22nd to 28th September 2025

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
35	Monday	22 nd September 2025	Law Enforcement and the Police
36	Tuesday	23 rd September 2025	Prisons and Rehabilitation
37	Wednesday	24 th September 2025	National Security & the Military
38	Thursday	25 th September 2025	National Values
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41	Sunday	28 th September 2025	Uganda in the Nations - East African Community and African Union

DAY 35: 22nd SEPTEMBER 2025

LAW ENFORCEMENT

ROMANS 13:4

For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

LUKE 11:21

When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe...

PSALM 101:8

Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord.

PROVERBS 21:15

When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

PSALM 127:1

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.*

NEHEMIAH 4:11-13

And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten

times, *“You must return to us.” So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”*

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE POLICE

The primary mandate of the police force is to maintain law and order within a nation. In a fallen world, laws are meaningless without enforcement. As long as men and women resist submitting to God’s righteous commands, there will always be a need for law enforcement to restrain wrongdoing and protect society from acts such as theft, murder, rape, and kidnapping.

The Police and Governance

The police force stands as a cornerstone of governance, serving as the visible arm of the state’s authority. Its responsibility goes far beyond apprehending criminals:

- Maintaining law and order so that society can function peacefully.
- Protecting the vulnerable, including children, women, and marginalized groups.
- Enforcing justice impartially, ensuring that laws apply equally to both the rich and the poor.
- Building trust between citizens and government, since for most people, the police are their most direct encounter with governance.

Good governance is inseparable from effective policing. A professional, accountable, and just police force strengthens stability, justice, and public confidence. Conversely, when the police become corrupt, abusive, or partisan, governance is undermined and citizens lose faith in the state.

While biblical societies may not have had police forces in the modern sense, they certainly had forms of law enforcement. God gave Israel a set of laws through Moses, complete with guidelines and penalties for those who broke them (Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy). The Bible also mentions watchmen and armed guards, who were entrusted with protecting communities, enforcing order, and sounding the alarm against threats (Ezekiel 33:6; Nehemiah 4:9).

In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul refers to law enforcers as “ministers of God” in Romans 13:4: *“For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.”* Law enforcers are therefore an extension of God’s hand of righteousness and justice, providing an essential service to society by restraining evil and protecting the innocent.

As long as sin exists in the world, law enforcement will remain necessary. Without it, anarchy prevails and no one is safe. Yet Scripture also warns against the abuse of authority. When those in power, or the police themselves, use their position to oppress the innocent, they corrupt God’s design for justice. This is tragically seen in the case of Jesus, who suffered brutality at the hands of the Roman praetorian guards, a type of law enforcement of His time.

Thus, while police authority is ordained for the good of society, those who abuse power and act unjustly will answer before God, the ultimate appointing authority. Law enforcement is therefore both a sacred trust and a heavy responsibility.

The mandate of Uganda Police Force (UPF) as provided in the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, and Uganda Police Force Act (Cap 303), is protection of life and

property, prevention and detection of crime, keeping law and order, and maintenance of overall Security and Public Safety in Uganda.

Below is a brief description of each Uganda Police Force (UPF) directorate, highlighting its official mandate and how it contributes to governance, public order, and safety. Collectively, these directorates form the operational, legal, investigative, and support backbone of the police force. Their effectiveness - or lack thereof - directly shapes not only public safety, but also the strength of governance systems and the level of citizens' trust in the rule of law.

1. Directorate of Traffic and Road Safety

Oversees road safety, enforces traffic laws, manages traffic flow, and investigates accidents. Given Uganda's growing number of vehicles and high accident rates, this directorate is vital for protecting lives and reducing road carnage.

2. Directorate of Information & Communication Technology (ICT)

Handles police communication systems, databases, and digital operations. This is increasingly critical in the digital era for crime detection, surveillance, and efficient coordination across the country.

3. Directorate of Human Rights and Legal Services

Ensures policing is carried out within the bounds of the law, safeguards citizens' rights, and provides legal support within the force. This directorate reinforces accountability and compliance with both Ugandan and international human rights standards.

4. Directorate of Fire Prevention and Rescue Services

Responds to fires, disasters, and emergencies, while also engaging in public sensitization on fire prevention. Their presence saves lives and property in both urban and rural areas.

5. Directorate of Police Health Services

Provides medical services for police officers and, in emergencies, civilians. It also plays a role in occupational health and public health response, especially during epidemics.

6. Directorate of Forensic Services

Supports investigations through scientific analysis: fingerprinting, DNA testing, ballistics, and other forensic disciplines. This enhances credibility of evidence in courts and strengthens the rule of law.

7. Directorate of Criminal Investigations (CID)

The backbone of crime detection and investigation. Handles cases ranging from theft to homicide, financial fraud, and cybercrime. Effective CID operations are central to justice delivery.

8. Directorate of Crime Intelligence

Collects and analyzes intelligence to prevent crime before it happens. Works closely with CID and counter-terrorism units to keep communities safe.

9. Directorate of Human Resource Administration & Management

Manages recruitment, promotions, welfare, and discipline within the police. Good governance in policing begins with well-managed human resources.

10. Directorate of Human Resource Development

Oversees training and capacity building through police academies and refresher courses. It ensures officers are professional, ethical, and well-prepared.

11. Directorate of Interpol

Handles international policing matters, including extradition, cross-border crime, and cooperation with INTERPOL member states. Given Uganda's regional role, this directorate strengthens global crime-fighting.

12. Directorate of Logistics and Engineering

Responsible for procurement, maintenance, and distribution of police equipment, vehicles, housing, and infrastructure. Logistics capacity directly affects the efficiency of police operations.

13. Directorate of Operations

Coordinates field operations such as crowd control, election policing, and emergency deployments. It is the visible arm of law enforcement in action.

14. Directorate of Chief Political Commissariat

Focuses on community-police relations, political education within the force, and strengthening trust between citizens and law enforcement.

15. Directorate of Research, Planning & Development

Carries out research and policy planning to modernize the force, improve strategy, and align policing with national development plans.

16. Directorate of Welfare and Production

Looks after the welfare of police officers—housing, income-generating projects, and family support. Motivated officers are less prone to corruption and more effective in service.

17. Directorate of Counter Terrorism

Specialized in detecting, preventing, and responding to terrorist threats. In a region facing extremist activity, this directorate is central to national security.

CONCLUSION

Law enforcement is essential to governance. It is both a sacred trust and a heavy responsibility. When done with integrity, it restrains evil, protects the innocent, and builds trust in governance. When abused, it becomes a tool of oppression and erodes national stability. For Uganda and every nation, the challenge is to strengthen law enforcement institutions so that they reflect God's justice, uphold the rule of law, and serve all citizens fairly.

Psalm 82:3–4 “Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

PRAYER GUIDE: LAW ENFORCEMENT, POLICE, AND GOVERNANCE

1. Thanksgiving

- Thank God for establishing order in society through governance and law enforcement.
- Thank Him for men and women serving in the police force, often at great personal risk.
Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."

2. Repentance

- Repent for corruption, bribery, and abuse of power within law enforcement.
- Repent for times when police have oppressed rather than protected the innocent.
- Repent for societal tolerance of injustice and disregard for the rule of law.
Isaiah 59:14 "Justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter."

3. Protection and Integrity of Officers

- Pray for the safety of police officers as they serve in dangerous situations.
- Ask God to raise a generation of officers who are courageous, honest, and compassionate.
Psalm 91:11 "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

4. Justice and Accountability

- Pray for leaders in law enforcement to act justly and enforce laws without favoritism.
- Ask God to expose and uproot systems of corruption and brutality.
Proverbs 21:3 "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."

5. Building Trust Between Citizens and Police

- Pray for reconciliation and healing where trust has been broken between communities and law enforcement.
- Ask God to establish partnerships between police and citizens for peace and safety.
Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

6. National Stability and Peace

- Pray that Uganda will be governed by justice and righteousness, not by fear or oppression.
- Declare peace over the land, that law enforcement will be used for security, not exploitation.
Isaiah 32:17 "The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever."

Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the gift of order in society and for those called to serve as guardians of peace. Bless the Uganda Police Force and every law enforcement officer with integrity, courage, and wisdom. Deliver us from corruption, brutality, and injustice. May our leaders govern with righteousness, and may our police truly be ministers of Your justice, protecting the weak and restraining evil. We declare that Uganda shall be a nation where justice flows like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream (Amos 5:24). Amen.

