



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

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NATIONAL VALUES

PROVERBS 14:34

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.”

PROVERBS 29:4

By justice a king gives a country stability, but those who are greedy for bribes tear it down.

PROVERBS 15:27

Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates bribes will live.

MICAH 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

PSALM 33:12

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”

ISAIAH 1:17

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”

THE ROLE OF NATIONAL VALUES IN GOVERNANCE

Great nations are built on shared values, the moral compass that guides leaders, citizens, and institutions in how they relate to one another. National values foundational for of governance, shaping both the spirit and practice of leadership.

1. Values Define the Character of Governance

Laws tell people what is legal, but values determine what is right. A nation that esteems justice, honesty, integrity, and accountability will reflect these in its policies and institutions. Values also guide what is celebrated in the nation and what is punished. This in turn shapes the national culture. Where values are weak, even the best laws fail, because corruption, favoritism, and selfishness undermine governance.

Uganda has progressive laws and policies on paper, but the effectiveness of governance depends on whether those entrusted with power live out values of justice, honesty, service, and accountability. Where leaders uphold these values, public institutions flourish. Where they are abandoned, corruption, favoritism, and abuse of office thrive.

This is why Uganda's Anti-Corruption Court, Inspectorate of Government, and Auditor General's Office are vital - they are mandated to enforce accountability and restore values in governance. The effectiveness of these institutions depends on whether they themselves are positively value-driven.

2. Values Build Trust Between Government and Citizens

When leaders uphold values such as truth, service, and respect for human dignity, citizens are more willing to comply with laws, pay taxes, and support national programs. Without these values, government is viewed with suspicion, and people disengage.

For most Ugandans, governance is experienced at the grassroots: through local authorities, police, schools, and health centers. When these systems operate with integrity and fairness, trust is strengthened; when they are tainted by bribery or neglect, confidence is undermined.

In Uganda, trust in governance remains fragile. Corruption scandals frequently erode public confidence in state institutions. Strengthening values in governance is therefore not optional but essential for national unity and active citizen participation.

3. Values Shape National Identity and Unity

In diverse societies, values provide the common ground that holds nations together. They remind citizens that, despite differences of ethnicity, religion, or region, they share principles that safeguard unity—patriotism, hard work, equality, and love for neighbor. Without such shared values, divisions and conflict quickly take root.

Uganda stands among Africa's most culturally diverse nations, with its dozens of languages, customs, and traditions. What binds Ugandans beyond tribe, region, or religion are national values such as hard work, respect for life, hospitality, and patriotism. When leaders emphasize these shared values, unity is strengthened; when they are neglected or undermined, divisions along ethnic, political, or religious lines begin to surface.

This vision of values-based unity is not abstract. Uganda's 1995 Constitution, in its *National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy*, explicitly calls for unity, equality, and democracy. These are not only constitutional ideals but guiding values that must be upheld in governance if the nation is to thrive in diversity.

Values Safeguard Institutions

Institutions draw their strength not merely from laws or structures, but from the values of the people who lead and manage them. A judiciary rooted in justice and fairness earns respect; one driven by greed and corruption invites contempt. A police force grounded in integrity and impartiality becomes a source of peace and security, while one tainted by abuse and exploitation spreads fear. A parliament that upholds truth and impartiality in its legislative and oversight role strengthens public trust; one that abandons these principles undermines its own legitimacy.

Uganda's institutions—courts, Parliament, local councils, schools, and the police—stand or fall on the values guiding those who serve within them. A judiciary marked by justice and impartiality will uphold the rule of law. A police service committed to integrity will protect rather than exploit. A Parliament that esteems service above self will legislate for the good of all, not for narrow political gain. Without strong values, however, institutions risk becoming mere tools of personal ambition or partisan interest.

Values, therefore, are the lifeblood that sustains the credibility of governance structures and secures the trust of citizens.

Values Drive Long-Term Development

Corruption, shortcuts, and dishonesty may yield temporary gain, but they ultimately erode the foundations of a nation. Over time, they drain resources, undermine trust, and cripple progress. By contrast, values such as discipline, hard work, stewardship, and innovation cultivate a culture of responsibility that sustains economic growth and social advancement. Both local and foreign investors need assurance that their ventures are safeguarded by integrity, transparency, and the rule of law.

Uganda's long-term prosperity rests not only on its natural resources but also on the strength of its values. A governance culture grounded in discipline, stewardship, innovation, and integrity ensures that infrastructure projects, education, healthcare, and national programs genuinely serve the people. Integrity in leadership, transparency in service delivery, and accountability in resource management are therefore not optional, they are essential pillars for achieving Uganda's Vision 2040 and other national development goals.

National Values and Governance in Uganda

Uganda, like every nation, is governed not only by laws and institutions but also by the shared values that shape its moral compass. These values, whether rooted in family, faith, culture, or civic tradition, guide both leaders and citizens in determining what is right, just, and honorable. They influence how leaders exercise power, how citizens relate to one another, and how society defines justice and responsibility.

In Uganda's unique context, home to more than 50 ethnic groups, multiple faiths, and one of the world's youngest populations, national values are essential for fostering unity, trust, and sustainable development. A nation may be endowed with natural resources and strong institutions, but without values to guide their use, prosperity and cohesion cannot endure.

Recognizing this, Uganda launched the National Ethical Values Policy (NEVP) in 2013 under the Directorate for Ethics and Integrity in the Office of the President. The policy identifies ten National Ethical Values intended to guide citizens and leaders alike in strengthening governance, unity, and development. Each of these values carries a foundation in scripture and moral tradition. Yet today, many of these values remain out of sync with

actual governance practice. The challenge is clear: to realign Uganda's governance systems with values that exalt righteousness, protect human dignity, and build true national unity.

UGANDA'S 10 NATIONAL ETHICAL VALUES

1. Respect for humanity & the environment
2. Honesty
3. Justice & fairness in dealing with others
4. Hard work for self-reliance
5. Integrity
6. Creativity & innovativeness
7. Social responsibility
8. Social harmony
9. National unity & national consciousness
10. Patriotism

Uganda's **National Ethical Values Policy (NEVP)** highlights ten values that together provide a moral compass for both citizens and leaders. Each one carries a scriptural foundation and a direct application to governance, shaping how the nation can pursue unity, trust, and development. Fortunately, each of these values can be traced back to a spiritual foundation, as shown below.

The first is **Respect for Humanity and the Environment**. This calls for honoring the dignity of every person and caring for creation. In governance, it demands the protection of human rights, the conservation of natural resources, and justice for all. As *Genesis 1:27* reminds us, "*So God created mankind in his own image...*" - a truth that grounds the call to honor life and creation.

The second is **Honesty**, which requires truthfulness in both word and deed, in private and public life. Leaders who speak and act with honesty build trust between government and citizens. *Ephesians 4:25* exhorts: "*Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor.*"

Third is **Justice and Fairness in Dealing with Others**. This means treating every person fairly, regardless of wealth, status, tribe, or gender. Governance rooted in fairness guarantees equal access to opportunities and law. *Micah 6:8* captures it: "*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*"

The fourth value is **Hard Work for Self-Reliance**. It is a call to diligence, rejecting idleness and corruption. For governance, it requires empowering citizens with the skills and opportunities to thrive. *Proverbs 14:23* affirms: "*All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*"

Fifth, **Integrity** demands consistency between word and deed. Leaders who walk in integrity set an example for society and create institutions worthy of trust. As *Proverbs 10:9* declares, "*Whoever walks in integrity walks securely.*"

The sixth value is **Creativity and Innovativeness**. This is about encouraging solutions and inventions that address societal challenges. With Uganda's youthful population, governance must reward innovation in science, ICT, agriculture, and business. *Exodus 35:31-32* shows how God filled Bezalel "with wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and all kinds of skills to make artistic designs..."

Seventh is **Social Responsibility**, recognizing that individuals, communities, and institutions must serve the common good. In governance, this translates into policies that prioritize welfare, health, and education for all. *Philippians 2:4* teaches: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

The eighth value is **Social Harmony**. It emphasizes peaceful coexistence across Uganda's ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity. Good governance must therefore discourage hate speech, tribalism, and conflict, while fostering reconciliation. *Romans 12:18* reminds us: "*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*"

Ninth is **National Unity and National Consciousness**. This calls on citizens and leaders to place the interests of Uganda above personal, ethnic, or regional divides, working together toward a shared vision of prosperity. *Psalms 133:1* declares, "*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*"

Finally, the tenth value is **Patriotism**. This is expressed through love and loyalty to the nation, demonstrated in service, sacrifice, and the protection of Uganda's heritage. Governance rooted in patriotism prioritizes the people's well-being above selfish gain. As *Jeremiah 29:7* instructs: "*Seek the peace and prosperity of the city... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.*"

Together, these ten values, rooted in scripture and applied to governance, form the moral foundation upon which Uganda's future can be built. They call leaders and citizens alike to pursue a culture of righteousness, integrity, and responsibility for the sake of national unity and lasting progress.

Conclusion

National values are the soul of governance. They shape how laws are made, how justice is delivered, how resources are managed, and how citizens interact with their government. A nation's wealth and strong institutions alone cannot guarantee its stability; without guiding values, such a nation is bound to succumb to corruption, mistrust, and injustice. Conversely, even resource-constrained countries can achieve remarkable progress when founded on values of truth, justice, integrity, service, and accountability as evidenced by the transformative journeys of nations such as Singapore and South Korea.

For Uganda, national values must move from being ideals to becoming the the soul of governance. They must be translated to local languages and shared widely, they must shape laws, institutions, and daily leadership decisions. A Uganda built on truth, justice, integrity, service, and accountability will flourish; one without them risks stagnation and mistrust.

PRAYER GUIDE: NATIONAL ETHICAL VALUES AND GOVERNANCE IN UGANDA

1. Thanksgiving

- Thank God for Uganda's leaders who articulated the National Ethical Values Policy in 2013.
- Thank Him for the cultural, religious, and community structures that reinforce values.

Psalms 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."

2. Repentance

- Repent for corruption, dishonesty, and selfishness that have eroded values in public life and trust in Government.
- Repent for cultural practices that contradict godly values and justice.

Isaiah 1:4 "Woe to the sinful nation... They have forsaken the Lord."

3. Intercession for Leaders

- Pray that leaders will embody honesty, integrity, justice, and patriotism in their service.

- Pray for institutions like Parliament, Judiciary, and Police to operate with fairness and transparency.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 Pray for “kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives...”

4. Intercession for Citizens

- Pray that Ugandans embrace hard work, innovation, and social responsibility in their communities.
- Pray for young people to be raised in honesty, respect, and patriotism.

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go...”

5. Praying for National Unity

- Ask God to heal divisions along tribal, political, or religious lines.
- Pray that Uganda will be marked by social harmony and unity of purpose.

John 17:21 “...that all of them may be one, Father...”

6. Uganda’s 10 National Ethical Values

The National Values have not been publicized nor incorporated in the education system and therefore they remain largely unknown. Pray that this will change radically.

- Pray that the 10 National Ethical Values become a lived reality in every sector of society.

7. Blessing Uganda’s Future

- Declare that Uganda will be known for justice, integrity, and prosperity built on shared values.

Proverbs 11:11 “Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted.”