



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 SEVEN: 29th September 2025 – 5th October 2025

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THE JUDICIARY

LEVITICUS 19:15

***You shall do no injustice in court.** You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.*

PSALM 72:1 - 4

*Give the king **your justice**, O God, and **your righteousness** to the royal son!
May he judge your people **with righteousness**, and your poor **with justice!**
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!*

ISAIAH 32:1-8

*Behold, a king will reign **in righteousness**, and princes will rule **with justice**.*

JUDGES 18:25

...Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

DEUTERONOMY 32:4

*"The Rock, his work is perfect, **for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.***

ISAIAH 56:1,2

*Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.
Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast..."*

DEUTERONOMY 27:19

‘Cursed be anyone who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

ISAIAH 42:19

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; **I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.***

AMOS 5:24

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

ISAIAH 1:17

Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

ISAIAH 9:7

*Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, **to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness** from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

ISAIAH 61:8

For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

PSALM 37:27-29

*Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. **For the LORD loves justice;** he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.*

PSALM 106:3

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

ZECHARIAH 7:9

*Thus says the LORD of hosts, **Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another***

PSALM 33:5

***He loves righteousness and justice;** the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.*

DEUTERONOMY 16:20

***Justice, and only justice, you shall follow,** that you may live and inherit the land that the LORD your God is giving you.*

PROVERBS 21:3

***To do righteousness and justice is more** acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.*

JEREMIAH 9:23-24

*Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, **that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth.** For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”*

PROVERBS 31:8-9

*Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, **judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.***

JEREMIAH 22:3

Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

PROVERBS 22:8

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.

ECCLESIASTES 5:8

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them.

ISAIAH 30:18

*Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you,
and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.*

For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

As is evident from the many scriptures above, justice is at the very heart of God’s design for governance. It flows directly from His nature, for He is a God of righteousness in whom there is no injustice. It is impossible for Him to be unjust, for that would contradict His very essence. Scripture declares that *“righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne”* (Psalm 97:2; Psalm 89:14). This explains why the Bible is replete with references to justice and why it so often appears together with righteousness.

Justice is the foundation of good governance. No nation can prosper when laws are unjust, selectively applied, or ignored. Justice ensures fairness, protects the vulnerable, and holds the powerful accountable. Governance, in turn, is the stewardship of authority - entrusted to leaders to serve citizens with integrity, order, and accountability. When governance is aligned with justice, peace flourishes and citizens trust their institutions. But when justice is compromised by corruption, favoritism, or political manipulation, governance loses legitimacy and the people disengage. Thus, the health of a nation is inseparably tied to the credibility of its justice system.

The Old Testament prophets emphasized this truth repeatedly. Social justice was a recurrent theme of their messages, and they warned nations that God measures their health by how they treat the poor and defenseless. One of the key parameters He uses to assess societies is how justice is rendered to the vulnerable. Indeed, a defining hallmark of the Messianic reign will be universal justice (Psalm 72:1 - 4).

Ultimately, the quality of justice in any country depends on those who administer it. As God's representatives on earth, leaders and officials at every level of authority are called to reflect His attributes of righteousness and justice in the exercise of power. For earth to mirror heaven, every place of authority must bear this hallmark. Only then will God's will "be done on earth as it is in heaven." Though He is merciful, Scripture is emphatic that He is also a just Judge who will not ignore injustice. His people, therefore, are called to imitate Him and to stand firmly against every form of injustice.

Uganda's Judiciary: Structure and Mandate

Uganda's Judiciary is one of the three arms of government, alongside the Executive and Parliament. Its constitutional mandate is to administer justice to all people impartially, promote the rule of law, and protect rights and freedoms.

The Judiciary has a tiered structure:

- **Supreme Court:** the highest appellate court, handling constitutional and election petitions.
- **Court of Appeal / Constitutional Court:** hears appeals and constitutional interpretation.
- **High Court:** has original jurisdiction in serious civil and criminal cases.
- **Chief Magistrates' Courts, Magistrates' Courts, and Local Council Courts:** handle cases closer to communities.

The Judiciary is led by the Chief Justice, supported by the Deputy Chief Justice, Principal Judge, and judges across the various courts.

Uganda's system of justice goes beyond the formal Judiciary (Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, Magistrates' Courts). There are **other avenues for justice** established to bring conflict resolution closer to the people and reduce pressure on the courts. Here's an overview:

1. Local Council Courts (LCCs)

- Established under the Local Council Courts Act (2006).
- Operate at village, parish, and sub-county levels.
- Handle *minor civil disputes* (land boundaries, debts, family issues) and *minor criminal matters* (petty theft, common assault).
- Aim: provide cheap, accessible, and speedy justice within communities.
- Decisions can be appealed to Magistrates' Courts.

2. City Council and Municipal Division Courts

- Function as part of urban local governance structures.
- Deal with cases related to *by-laws*, *city ordinances*, *market dues*, *trading licenses*, and minor disputes within municipal boundaries.
- They help decongest Magistrates' Courts by resolving low-level disputes tied to city or town administration.

3. Specialized Tribunals and Commissions

Uganda also has tribunals that handle disputes in specific sectors:

- **Industrial Court** (labor and employment disputes).
- **Tax Appeals Tribunal** (tax-related matters).
- **Human Rights Tribunal** (under the Uganda Human Rights Commission, addressing rights violations).
- **Land Tribunals** (though many are inactive, they were created to handle land disputes).

4. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- Includes mediation, arbitration, and negotiation, often encouraged within the formal judicial process.
- Promoted to resolve disputes outside long, expensive litigation.
- Increasingly used in family, commercial, and community disputes.

5. Traditional and Informal Justice Mechanisms

- Many communities rely on clan leaders, elders, or cultural institutions to mediate conflicts, especially land, family, and inheritance disputes.
- Though not formal courts, they provide culturally accepted solutions and promote reconciliation.

Achievements

1. **Expanded Access to Justice:** Establishment of regional High Court circuits and Magistrates' Courts has brought justice closer to communities.
2. **Judicial Reforms:** Use of plea bargaining and small claims procedures has reduced case backlogs.
3. **Digitalization:** Steps toward electronic case management and virtual hearings, accelerated by COVID-19.
4. **Judicial Training:** The Judicial Training Institute has strengthened capacity and professionalism.

Challenges

1. **Case Backlogs:** Despite reforms, many cases take years to be resolved.
2. **Corruption Perceptions:** Reports of bribery among some judicial officers undermine trust.
3. **Resource Constraints:** Underfunding leads to inadequate staffing, poor infrastructure, and delays.
4. **Political Pressure:** At times, the Judiciary faces accusations of partiality in politically sensitive cases.
5. **Limited Public Awareness:** Many citizens lack understanding of their rights and the justice process.

Justice in Uganda is therefore multi-layered: from the Supreme Court at the top, through Magistrates' and High Courts, down to local council courts, city council courts, and community mechanisms. These avenues exist to ensure justice is accessible at every level of society. But challenges remain - capacity gaps, corruption, political interference, and limited public awareness hinder effectiveness. For Vision 2040 and true national transformation, all these justice mechanisms must work with integrity, fairness, and efficiency.

Uganda's Judiciary plays a critical role in sustaining Vision 2040 and democratic governance. Without justice, development goals cannot thrive. Courts must remain impartial, leaders must respect judicial independence, and citizens must trust that the rule of law protects them equally. As Micah 6:8 exhorts: *"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."*

PRAYER GUIDE FOR JUSTICE, GOVERNANCE, AND UGANDA'S JUDICIARY

1. Thanksgiving

- Thank God for the Judiciary as a pillar of governance.
- Praise Him for reforms that have improved access to justice.

2. Judicial Independence

- Pray for the Judiciary to remain impartial, free from political interference.
- Ask God to raise judges who fear Him and uphold truth.

3. Integrity and Anti-Corruption

- Pray for cleansing of corruption at all levels of the justice system.
- Declare that bribery and manipulation will not prevail in Uganda's courts.

4. Elimination of Case Backlogs

- Pray for efficiency in handling cases and reduction of delays.
- Ask God to bless reforms like plea bargaining and small claims procedures.

5. Resources and Capacity

- Pray for increased funding for the Judiciary to expand courts, recruit staff, and modernize systems.
- Intercede for the success of digitalization initiatives in case management.

6. Protection of the Vulnerable

- Pray that the justice system will defend widows, orphans, the poor, and marginalized communities.
- Ask God to raise advocates who speak for those without a voice.

7. Leadership in the Judiciary

- Pray for the Chief Justice, Deputy Chief Justice, Principal Judge, and all judges.
- Ask God to give them wisdom, courage, and integrity.

8. Public Trust and Awareness

- Pray for Ugandans to regain confidence in the justice system.
- Ask God to expand civic education on rights, responsibilities, and legal processes.

9. Peace and Stability

- Pray that justice will be a foundation for peace, unity, and development in Uganda.
- Ask God to heal wounds of injustice and promote reconciliation.

10. Alignment with God's Justice

- Pray that Uganda's justice system will reflect God's justice: fair, merciful, and righteous.
- Declare Psalm 89:14 over Uganda: *"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you."*

Closing Prayer for the Judiciary and Justice in Uganda

Righteous Father,

We thank You because justice flows from Your very throne, and You have called nations to reflect Your righteousness in their governance. Today, we lift up Uganda's Judiciary — from the Supreme Court to local council courts — and all who serve in the administration of justice.

Lord, we pray that judges, magistrates, lawyers, and judicial officers will walk in integrity, impartiality, and wisdom. Protect them from corruption, intimidation, and fear of man. May every judgment delivered in Uganda uphold truth, defend the weak, and restrain evil.

Father, heal the wounds of injustice in our land. Where the poor and vulnerable have been denied justice, restore their dignity. Where corruption has perverted judgment, cleanse and renew. Let righteousness and justice be the pillars of Uganda's courts, so that citizens may trust in the rule of law and find peace.



We declare over Uganda the words of Micah 6:8: *“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”* May this be the standard of all who serve in positions of authority.

Bless Uganda, O Lord, with a Judiciary that mirrors Your character and with justice that brings stability, unity, and prosperity to all her people. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the righteous Judge.

Amen.

AMOS 5:24

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and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*