

# 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

Day	Day of the Week	Date	Area of Focus
42	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	International Cooperation
43	Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	National Vision
44	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	The Judiciary
45	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	The Legislature
<mark>46</mark>	<mark>Friday</mark>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	The Executive
47	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Political Organizations
48	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	The Electoral Commission

DAY 46: 3rd OCTOBER 2025

### THE EXECUTIVE

### **ISAIAH 33:22**

For the Lord is our judge; **the Lord is our lawgiver**; the Lord is our king; he will save us.

### I TIMOTHY 2:1-4:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

#### **PSALM 72:1, 2, 4**

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness...

<sup>2</sup>He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice....

<sup>4</sup>He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor."

# **PROVERBS 20:28:**

Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upheld by mercy

#### **PROVERBS 20:26**

A wise king scatters the wicked and drives the threshing wheel over them

#### **PROVERBS 21:1**

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will."

#### **PROVERBS 25:5**

Remove the wicked from the king's presence and his throne will be established through righteousness"

#### **PROVERBS 29:2**

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bears rule, the people mourn.

#### PROVERBS 29:12

If a ruler listens to lies, all his official become wicked.

#### **PROVERBS 16:12**

Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness.

### **PROVERBS 29:4**

By justice a king gives a country stability but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down."

#### **DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20**

When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, You shall never return that way again.' And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Baron Charles de Montesquieu (1689–1755) was a French professor, author, and legal philosopher whose writings shaped modern political thought. In 1748, he published *The Spirit of the Laws*, a work widely regarded as one of the greatest contributions to political theory and jurisprudence. His ideas profoundly influenced the establishment of the separation of powers in the United States and, by extension, modern democracies.

Montesquieu's philosophy rested on a sober view of human nature: that humanity is essentially selfish (Jeremiah 17:9), and whenever given the opportunity, individuals tend to accumulate power for themselves, ultimately becoming despots. To counter this tendency, he recommended dividing the powers of government among three branches, so that the ambition and greed of one would check and balance the others.



- 1. **The Legislative Branch** enacts the laws of the state and appropriates the funds necessary to run government.
- 2. **The Executive Branch** implements and administers the public policies enacted and financed by the legislature.
- 3. **The Judicial Branch** interprets the constitution and laws, applying these interpretations to disputes and controversies.

In practice, government powers and responsibilities are complex and frequently overlap, creating competition and even conflict among the branches. No democratic system achieves a perfect separation—or perfect fusion—of powers. Rather, each nation adapts these principles to its own context.

### **God's Perfect Rule**

While human governance requires checks and balances to prevent abuse, the rule of God is unique. In Him alone are all three branches of authority perfectly united. As Isaiah declared:

"For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us." (Isaiah 33:22)

Here, God embodies the roles of judge (judiciary), lawgiver (legislature), and king (executive). Unlike human rulers, His justice, wisdom, and power are flawless, ensuring perfect governance.

# **Uganda's Executive Branch**

In Uganda's system of government, the powers of the Executive Branch are vested in the President of the Republic. The President serves simultaneously as Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. This office is responsible for implementing and enforcing the laws passed by Parliament and for appointing the Cabinet, which assists in administering national policy.

The Executive is one of the three arms of government (alongside the Legislature and Judiciary) established under the 1995 Constitution of Uganda. Its primary role is to implement and enforce the laws and policies of the state.

### **Composition of the Executive:**

- 1. **The President** Head of State, Head of Government, and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. The President is the fountain of honor, symbol of national unity, and chief custodian of Uganda's Constitution.
- 2. The Vice President Assists the President in performing executive duties.
- 3. **The Prime Minister** Leader of Government Business in Parliament, coordinating the implementation of policies across ministries.
- 4. **Ministers (Cabinet and State)** Appointed by the President and approved by Parliament to oversee different ministries and departments (e.g., Health, Education, Finance, Security).
- 5. **Civil Service and Public Administration** The permanent bureaucracy that executes policies, programs, and service delivery.

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# **Core Functions of the Executive:**

- Policy formulation and implementation.
- Administration of public services.
- National security and defense.
- International relations and diplomacy.

• Guiding national development through frameworks such as Vision 2040 and the National Development Plans (NDPs).

# The Local Government System in Uganda

Uganda operates a decentralized system of governance under Chapter 11 of the 1995 Constitution and the Local Government Act (1997).

# **Principles of Decentralization:**

- Power and decision-making devolved from the central government to local authorities.
- Citizens empowered to participate directly in governance and service delivery.
- Local governments responsible for planning, budgeting, and implementing development priorities.

#### **Structure of Local Government:**

- 1. **District Councils & City Councils** Highest political authority in a district or city, chaired by a District Chairperson (often called LC5).
- 2. **Municipal, Division, and Town Councils** Manage urban governance at sub-district levels.
- 3. **Sub-county Councils** Oversee rural local government administration.
- 4. **Parish and Village Councils** (LC2 and LC1) Grassroots governance, directly interfacing with citizens.

### **Functions of Local Governments:**

- Passing local ordinances and by-laws.
- Planning and budgeting for local development.
- Delivering services such as education, health, water, roads, and sanitation.
- Promoting law and order through Local Council Courts.

#### **Achievements of Decentralization:**

- Brought government closer to the people.
- Expanded citizen participation in governance.
- Enabled localized planning and service delivery.

# **Challenges:**

- Limited funding and overdependence on central government transfers.
- Corruption and mismanagement at district and municipal levels.
- Capacity gaps in technical staff and resources.
- Political interference undermining accountability.

Leadership is a form of stewardship. As Jesus taught, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26). The Executive and local governments are entrusted with power not for self-enrichment, but for service, justice, and national transformation. Where leaders govern with humility and integrity, people flourish; where they serve themselves, nations suffer.

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR UGANDA'S EXECUTIVE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### 1. Thanksgiving

 Thank God for the Executive and local governments as instruments of service and order.



Praise Him for the decentralization policy that brings governance closer to citizens.

### 2. The Presidency

- Pray for the President to exercise leadership with wisdom, humility, and integrity.
- Ask God to protect the President and guide decisions affecting national peace and development.

### 3. The Vice President and Prime Minister

• Pray for strength, unity, and clarity in assisting the President and coordinating government programs.

#### 4. Cabinet and Ministers

- Ask God to give ministers wisdom and diligence in their respective sectors.
- Pray for accountability in managing national resources.

### 5. Civil Service and Public Administration

- Pray for discipline and efficiency among civil servants in implementing government policies.
- Ask God to uproot corruption and incompetence.

### 6. Local Government Leaders

- Pray for district chairpersons, mayors, and councilors to govern fairly and serve their communities faithfully.
- Ask God to grant wisdom in passing by-laws and planning for local development.

### 7. Village and Parish Councils

- Pray for grassroots leaders to foster peace, unity, and fairness in their communities.
- Ask God to strengthen Local Council Courts to deliver justice without bias.

# 8. Service Delivery

- Pray that education, health, roads, water, and sanitation services will improve across all districts.
- Ask God to bless programs that directly impact the poor and marginalized.

### 9. Corruption and Accountability

- Pray for a spirit of integrity to sweep across the Executive and local governments.
- Ask God to expose misuse of funds and strengthen accountability systems.

# 10. National Destiny

- Declare that Uganda's Executive and local governments will align with God's purposes for justice, peace, and prosperity.
- Pray that leadership at every level will exalt righteousness, for "righteousness exalts a nation" (Proverbs 14:34).

# **Closing Prayer for the Executive of Uganda**

Heavenly Father,

We thank You because all authority comes from You, and leadership is a trust before Your throne. Today we lift up the Executive of Uganda — the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Cabinet, and all who serve in government ministries and agencies.

Lord, grant them wisdom that is pure, peace-loving, considerate, full of mercy, and sincere (James 3:17). May they govern not for personal gain, but for the good of every citizen. Surround them with righteous counselors and silence the voices of corruption, pride, and manipulation.

We pray that Uganda's Executive will lead with integrity, diligence, and compassion. May they safeguard peace, uphold justice, and implement policies that bring prosperity, protect the vulnerable, and honor You.

Father, we declare Isaiah 33:22 over Uganda: "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us." May Your perfect rule be the model for every decision, policy, and action taken by Uganda's leaders.

Bless our land with unity, righteousness, and stability, and let Uganda rise into her redemptive destiny as a nation that honors You.

In Jesus' mighty name,

Amen.