

## **5. FRIDAY:**

### **THEME FOR THE 2016 ELECTIONS**

#### **The Electoral Commission (EC)**

*Casting lots can end arguments; it settles disputes between powerful opponents.*

*Proverbs 18:18 (NLT)*

*Make your motions and cast your votes, but GOD has the final say.*

*Proverbs 16:33 (MSG)*

*The LORD hates anyone who cheats, but he likes everyone who is honest.*

*Proverbs 11:1 (CEV)*

According to the above scriptures, voting can help to resolve political disputes and give legitimacy to government, and thus is a mechanism to quell leadership contentions.

#### **The Electoral Commission's mission**

##### **Pray that:**

- The Electoral Commission (EC) will acknowledge that they are handling a God-ordained process and fear the owner of that process and not man;
- The EC will execute its mission: "to organize and conduct regular free and fair elections and referenda" professionally, impartially, efficiently and in the fear of God;
- The EC will perform its functions in a non-partisan way and that it will not be torn apart by the politics of the day;
- The EC will be bold, cast off intimidation from all stakeholders and uphold its constitutional mandate;
- The EC will conduct the 2016 elections in such a way

that there will be no contentions about the conduct of the elections in the post elections period.

Reject in prayer any form of interference in the electoral processes by both governmental and non-governmental actors (donors and other developmental partners) through: verbal intimidation; financial muscle; media propaganda, diplomatic arm-twisting and other coercive measures.

### **Administrative matters:**

#### **Pray that:**

- The procurement of software and other specialized equipment will be done right – relevant equipment at fair prices without corruption or influence peddling;
- The updating and display of the National Voters' Register (NVR); and issuance of voters' cards will be done well to avoid contentions and avoid giving room to electoral fraud;
- The printing of ballot papers will be done with excellence – proper spelling, spacing and capturing of ballot data to enable the electorate to vote with clarity and avoiding confusion of candidates' names or pictures;
- The packing, delivery and distribution of the polling kits will be done efficiently: with no miscoding and misallocation of polling kits.

### **Nomination of candidates and campaigns:**

#### **Pray through the choice and nomination process of the intending candidates that:**

- God's chosen leaders for this season will experience unusual favour but those not chosen for this season will find the going hard;
- The EC will be a good umpire and enforcer of the rules and regulations governing the campaign period;

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- There will be a spirit of restraint and that all stakeholders will show political maturity in dealing with each other;
- The candidates will have the freedom within law to campaign without intimidation and interference;
- Campaign workers will not be beaten up or harassed;
- All candidates will secure and none will be harmed.

*Reject in prayer the spirit of violence and terrorism that will want to rear its head during this period.*

## **SECTOR THEME: CELEBRATION, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS AND THE ARTS**

*We desire to see God's Kingdom fully manifested in the Celebration, Entertainment, Sports and Arts Sphere of Uganda by 2062*

This sector includes the arts, music, sports, fashion, entertainment and any other way we celebrate and enjoy life. It is a sector that captures the hearts of our youth. The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). God is a God of pleasure and joy. In His presence there is fullness of joy and at His right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11). God is the creator of everything we enjoy in this sector but Satan through the spirit of Jezebel, who lives in this sector, counterfeits, corrupts and prostitutes what God meant for good by enticing men to be “lovers of pleasure than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:4). What is good in the right measure then becomes sin when over indulged in.

### **Pray that:**

- God will raise people who will produce music, art, poetry, fashion, film, literature and every other form of celebration

in ways that will set trends to redeem our cultures back to God's ways;

- This work of redemption will be so strong that secular artists will begin to take their cues and leadership from the kingdom of God and not the other way around;
- The power of God will visit the places of worldly entertainment like nightclubs and pubs and redeem the lost therein;
- The altars of darkness that undergird the spirit of Jezebel in this sector will be uncovered, destroyed and that this principality will be overthrown;
- Sports related evangelism and ministry will flourish.

*"For physical training is of some value..."*

*I Timothy 4:7*

*"Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training..."*

*I Corinthians 9:24*

### **Pray that:**

- The nation will recognise and put the necessary emphasis in promoting sports both for healthy living and for unifying the country;
- Sports will be properly organised and utilised so that the young people will find this a positive outlet for their energy and vitality instead of engaging in activities that are detrimental to their health and to society;
- The State will formulate policies and create the environment that will make it conducive for the private sector to effectively participate in the development of recreation and sports;
- God will bless Uganda with extraordinary success on both the national and international scene out of this sector.

**PRAY THAT GOD WILL BE GREATLY GLORIFIED IN THE CELEBRATION, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS AND THE ARTS SECTOR IN THE YEARS LEADING UP TO 2062.**

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