

4. THURSDAY:

THEME FOR THE 2016 ELECTIONS

A Prayer for the 2016 Elections

Lord our God, as we pray for our nation and its destiny, we acknowledge you as the King of the Nations. All nations were created by you, and you are the ultimate determiner of their pre-appointed times and their national boundaries.

We thank you for Uganda, a beautiful nation gifted with people of many different tribes, cultures and languages. Thank you for her terrain: the mountains, valleys, plateaus and plains. Thank you for the abundant water supply: the rain, the wetlands, rivers and lakes. Thank you for the forests and lavish vegetation, which is green through out the year; for abundant fresh food, fruits and vegetables; for the diverse animal life and the abundant variety of birds and fish. We thank you too for the minerals and treasures that you placed in our land. Thank you for a wonderful mild climate through out the year with two rain seasons and the ability to harvest twice a year. We are a nation that is truly blessed and gifted by You!

We acknowledge that the earth is yours and the fullness thereof, the world and all those who live in it, for you founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. We reaffirm that you created all things for your pleasure. Without you there was nothing made; the visible and invisible, whether thrones, dominions, principalities or powers: they were made through you and for you. In your hands are the deep places of the earth; the hills and mountain peaks are yours also. The lakes, rivers and oceans were called forth by your word and so was the dry land.

We thank you for our journey as a nation all these years since Independence. Thank you for sustaining, preserving and

bringing us through times of turmoil and uncertainty: wars, famine, insecurity and disease. As we face the months and years ahead, we renew our faith and hope in you; the God who saw us through the yester-years will see us through the times ahead. As we move into our future as a nation, and especially as we approach the 2016 elections, we are reminded of the words of your Spirit through Asaph in Psalm 75: 6:

“For promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the judge: he puts down one and exalts another”

And so we pray that you will raise and exalt at all levels of our society, visionary and foresighted leaders like Joseph, who received from you a 14-year plan for the nation of Egypt and was able to correctly interpret, and then implement it as Prime Minister in that land. As a result Egypt survived a global food and economic crisis, and nations including the nation of Israel were preserved through their planning and foresight. This happened on the continent of Africa and so we pray that you will do it again in our nation and continent. Grant us leaders like the sons of Issachar in David’s days that understand the times and what Uganda ought to align itself in this increasingly global world. Deliver us and remove from leadership leaders who have no sense of national purpose or direction but only serve selfish, narrow-minded and shortsighted interests in their exercise of leadership.

We pray that you will raise at all levels of this nation, transformational leaders of the calibre of David, a man after your own heart, whom you called from shepherding the sheep and made shepherd over the nation of Israel. Like him, grant us leaders who will rule with integrity of heart and skilfulness of hands (Psalm 78:70-72); who will treat the nation, its people and resources as your inheritance and not as objects for self-promotion. Raise for Uganda leaders like David, who took a bunch of men who were discontented, in debt and in distress

and so empowered them that they become mighty men in the land (1 Samuel 22:2); who at the beginning of his reign found a nation in ruins after a civil war but left a legacy of peace and prosperity with the nation standing at the threshold of its golden age. May we see more of these kinds of leaders across the spectrum of our society, men and women who will leave their areas of jurisdiction and communities many times better than they found them and who will empower those they lead to fulfil their potential in life.

We pray that you will raise leaders for this nation like Daniel who was wise, well learned, and quick in understanding; an incorruptible man of integrity whose contemporaries and enemies could find no charge or fault with.

We pray that you will raise leaders for this nation like Esther who fearlessly confronted evil and was ready to put her life on the line for the sake of her people.

We pray for leaders like Nehemiah who was so diligent in his work and so committed to the emancipation of his people that for 12 years he forfeited his salary and his legitimate allowances as the Governor of Judah in order not to burden the people that he was leading (Nehemiah 5:14-19). In the years ahead, wherever they exist in our land, deliver our nation from leaders who put self-interest before the interests of those that they lead. Deliver Uganda from greedy leaders who only seek leadership for their stomachs and have no regard for the ordinary people.

We pray that you will raise for this nation leaders like Jesus Christ who was the servant leader par excellence and laid down His life for his followers. We pray for an increasing manifestation of this kind of leadership at all levels of our society: leadership that serves so that through these type of leaders, the people of Uganda will experience what it means to

be led by You.

We pray that you will elevate into leadership men and women who will bring healing to the wounds inflicted on the land, institutions and peoples of Uganda. Those who unite the land rather than divide it; those who will foster unity and love instead of sectarianism and division; those who will spearhead community and national development instead of concentrating on improving their lot and fattening their bank accounts.

We petition you to give Uganda quality, qualified and righteous leaders in the upcoming elections and the years beyond. We ask for leaders who will sit in Your counsel; not those who sit in the counsel of hell – satanic apostles who carry satanic anointing, and unleash evil on the land. Since your Word states that You are the source of promotion, we pray that you will block the seats of power from greedy and corrupt men and women. We pray that in the years ahead, those who do things justly and in the right way will flourish in this nation. Bring us to a day in our land where justice and righteousness will be the foundation and measure for leadership just as it is with your throne, which is founded on righteousness and justice.

We ask for leaders who will serve the nation of Uganda and lay down their lives for her and not those that will exploit and take advantage of her. We pray for leaders who will shelter the nation from political, economic, social and international winds and storms; leaders whose shadow will act as a protection and shield over the land, people, resources and institutions; leaders who will refresh the nation, its communities and institutions like a drink of water refreshes a weary desert traveller; leaders who are honest, speak the truth and open the eyes of our people to see the truth and to view new horizons and possibilities.

As we face the 2016 elections we pray that you will disappoint the devices of the crafty so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise (Job 5:12). Expose and sweep away the

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schemes of the wily and wicked. Catch those who call themselves wise in their craftiness, turn them backward and frustrate the tokens of liars. Save Uganda from the consequences of unfair, cheated election results and from leadership that will bring retrogression rather than progress.

Protect your chosen leaders for this season in our nation's life from any danger. Deliver Uganda from pre- and post- elections violence and bloodshed. Silence any voices calling for war and civil unrest. Rebuke and scatter the people, organisations, and nations that delight in war and violence. We pray that as a nation you will help us to break away from the legacy of violent changes in leadership and to move on to a new level of political maturity. Disappoint the desires of those who are planning terror in the land. Confound them and let them fall into the pits they dig for others.

We pray that we will have a peaceful nomination and campaign period and that the election time will be devoid of violence and destruction of property. We ask that the winners and losers in the elections will be gracious in both victory and defeat and not behave like the elections are the end of all things.

We pray for a peaceful transition time from one administration to the next and for guidance as the new leaders for the Legislature and the Executive are chosen in the post elections period. We pray that Uganda will increasingly become a sheep nation: a nation that follows the true shepherd of the nations and not one that fights and resists your laws and ways.

As we face the years ahead, we boldly decree in the realm of the spirit:

- That the fortifications of witchcraft and wickedness will be unmasked and confounded;
- That the corridors of leadership will increasingly be closed to those who make sacrifices to idols and those who debase

themselves to counsel of hell;

- That those who draw inspiration for leadership from the underworld will increasingly receive none in this season; their craft will yield no results;
- That scoffers and boastful people will increasingly fail to ascend to places of leadership;
- That Uganda will increasingly be established in righteousness and governed by those who hate injustice;
- That tyranny and terror will be far from Uganda (Isaiah 54:14);
- That wicked scepters of leadership (witchcraft, idolatry, human sacrifice, corruption, oppression, injustice, immorality, etc.) will increasingly be broken over the nation and wicked and unjust leaders will be removed.

We ask you to close the corridors of power in this land to the following:

- The Jezebel company (1 Kings 18) - those who manipulate leaders and usurp their power;
- The Shephatiah company (Jeremiah 38) - those who abuse power and persecute the righteous;
- The Johanan company (Jeremiah 43) - those who are rebellious to you and to God ordained leadership;
- The Ahithophel company of advisors (2 Samuel 16,17) - those giving wicked advice to leaders - sometimes like Ahithophel they are religious leaders;
- The Absalom and Adonijah companies (2 Samuel 15 & 1 Kings 1) - those bent on taking over power by scheming and military alliances and means.

May your name be glorified in the 2016 elections and years beyond. May your Kingdom increasingly be manifested in our nation.

In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN AND AMEN

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SECTOR THEME: THE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

We desire to see God's Kingdom fully manifested in the Economics, Business and Enterprise Sphere of Uganda by 2062

Uganda is richly endowed with abundant natural resources and arguably the best climate in the world but we have not yet harnessed these adequately to improve our quality of life. In spite of improvements in recent years, Ugandans are still ranked among the poor in the world. According to a 2013 expenditure review by the Directorate of Social Protection in the Ministry of Gender, 67% of Ugandans are either poor or prone to poverty. This represented both the Ugandans who spend below the poverty line of \$1.20 per day and those who are below twice the poverty line, \$2.40 per day. According to the World Bank, even those who are below the poverty line are likely to fall back into poverty. We are a nation still under economic bondage and one of the major issues adversely affecting our economy is corruption.

“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the servant of the lender” (Proverbs 22:7).

According to this scripture, as a nation, we are servants (slaves) to the nations we owe money. We need to be freed from this debt prison as a nation otherwise we will forever be dancing to the tunes played by other nations; being forced to do things and pass laws that we do not want to pass.

Items for praise and thanksgiving:

- The increasing awareness in the population about economic matters;
- The registered improvements in the economy and revenue collection.

Ask God's forgiveness for:

- Laziness in the nation;
- The general failure to take responsibility for our own future;
- The mentality that continually looks to others to do for us what we are supposed to do for ourselves;
- A dependant mentality that always expects to receive from others but never sees ways in which it can give (Proverbs 30:15);
- The misappropriation and theft of public funds.

Pray that:

- The Lord will make the going rough for the corrupt and those who steal public funds, and that they will be removed from any critical positions that they currently occupy;
- There will be a firm system established and robustly enforced to dealing with those who steal public funds (Remember that government is the servant of the Lord to bring terror to the wrong doer - Romans 13:3);
- The Lord will quicken the day when these thieves and criminals will live in terror of government;
- The spirit of mammon, which is behind fraud and theft in our country will be defeated;
- Men and women of upright character and integrity will be elevated to the policy and decision making places affecting the economy of our land;
- There will be policies in place to make the situation conducive for the harnessing of our natural resources to the benefit of our citizens;
- There will be continual positive change in the economic life and indices of the nation;
- There will be increased employment so that the young and able-bodied will have work and the brain drain will be stopped;

- The work force will be effectively utilised;
- There will be an environment in the nation where those who deal righteously will flourish (Psalm72: 7), but those who deal wickedly will have a hard time;
- God will raise businessmen and women who are delivered from the love of money and are resource stewards of the Kingdom of God;
- Our nation will be delivered from the bondage of national debt and perpetual borrowing;
- There will be increased investment in Uganda so that the wealth of the nation is released for blessing not only its citizens but other nations as well;
- A strong biblical work ethic will develop in our nation to replace the prevalent lethargy and laziness that makes many able bodied young men sit around doing nothing all day long;
- Those in the private sector will develop their God given skills and abilities to create jobs;
- Our people will experience job satisfaction and be compensated sufficiently;
- The tourism potential of our country will be realised to the maximum;
- The Lord will deal with unfair trade practices on the world market whereby the poorer nations are constantly placed at disadvantage;
- The Lord will deal with those who harm the economy. This includes those that print counterfeit currency, corrupt public officials, bichupuli businessmen, money launderers, (those that bring in ill-gotten money from crime like drug dealing or prostitution and then invest it in apparently legal business).

Pray for the Ministry of Finance for:

- Good leadership and management;

- Wise allocation of resources;
- Exposure of corruption and removal of the corrupt from office;
- Promotion of righteousness and justice in the governance and service of this ministry.

PRAY THAT GOD WILL BE GREATLY GLORIFIED IN THE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SECTOR IN THE YEARS LEADING UP TO 2062.