

2. TUESDAY:

THEME FOR THE 2016 ELECTIONS

Praying for righteous and just leaders to emerge

*“Whenever a nation has lack of quality, legitimate and just leaders, national deterioration occurs.... Quality leadership is a key to a prosperous and peaceful life and nation... It is obvious that our nations are painfully in need of such leaders... **God’s answer to all our social, moral and economic problems is qualified and righteous leaders.”***

Myles Munroe

“Leadership is cause, everything else is effect”

Steven Adei

Isaiah 32:1-8 (NLT)

Look, a righteous king is coming! And honest princes will rule under him. Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a parched land. Then everyone who has eyes will be able to see the truth, and everyone who has ears will be able to hear it. Even the hotheads will be full of sense and understanding. Those who stammer will speak out plainly. In that day ungodly fools will not be heroes. Scoundrels will not be respected. For fools speak foolishness and make evil plans. They practice ungodliness and spread false teachings about the LORD. They deprive the hungry of food and give no water to the thirsty. The smooth tricks of scoundrels are evil. They plot crooked schemes. They lie to convict the poor, even when the cause of the poor is just. But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.

Pray that in the 2016 elections and the years following, God will raise righteous and honest leaders into all places of authority who will:

- Shelter the nation from political, economic, social and international winds and storms;
- Serve as a shadow: a protection and shield over the land, people, resources and institutions;
- Refresh the nation, its communities and institutions like a drink of water refreshes a weary desert traveller;
- Be honest, speak the truthful and open the eyes of their followers to see the truth and to see new horizons and possibilities.

Pray that in the 2016 elections and the years following, God will remove unrighteous and dishonest leaders from places of authority:

- The hotheads or rash – the trouble makers, weak-willed, poor decision-makers, the greedy and selfish and unstable;
- Those that enter politics with evil plans and schemes;
- Those who lie and pervert justice;
- Those who practice ungodliness depriving the hungry and poor through corruption and other means.

Pray that God will bring us to a season where the leadership of the nation, its communities and institutions is truly honourable, noble, selfless and generous.

Isaiah 22:15-25 (NLT)

*This is what the Lord, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, said to me:
"Confront Shebna, the palace administrator, and give him this message: "Who do you think you are, and what are you doing here, building a beautiful tomb for yourself— a monument high up in the rock? For the LORD is about to hurl you away, mighty man. He is going to grab you, crumple you into a ball, and toss you away into a*

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distant, barren land. There you will die, and your glorious chariots will be broken and useless. You are a disgrace to your master! “Yes, I will drive you out of office,” says the LORD. “I will pull you down from your high position. And then I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah to replace you. I will dress him in your royal robes and will give him your title and your authority. And he will be a father to the people of Jerusalem and Judah. I will give him the key to the house of David—the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them. He will bring honor to his family name, for I will drive him firmly in place like a nail in the wall. They will give him great responsibility, and he will bring honor to even the lowliest members of his family.” But the LORD of Heaven’s Armies also says: “The time will come when I will pull out the nail that seemed so firm. It will come out and fall to the ground. Everything it supports will fall with it. I, the LORD, have spoken!”

The Shebna-types of leaders are corrupt, arrogant and self-seeking; the Eliakim-types of leaders, like good fathers are servants and live for the next generation.

Pray that God will:

- Frustrate and drive out of office the Shebna-types of leaders across the nation (v. 19);
- Arise and judge the corrupt, arrogant and self-seeking in this season (Psalm 68:1-3);
- Close the doors of politics and governance to the Shebna-type leaders: leaders who like the leeches in Proverbs 30:15, exploit those that they lead.

Pray that He will raise the Eliakim-types of leaders all across the nation. Leaders who will:

- Father and nurture Uganda and all her communities and not exploit her for what they can get from her;

- Increasingly bring the nation to places of honor among the community of the nations;
- Be strong, like a peg fastened in a sure place, to carry national burdens in a responsible way;
- Be firmly established and secure from the schemes of crafty and wily men from both within the nation and internationally.

Earnestly pray and spiritually decree that the doors of politics and governance will open up for the Eliakim-type leaders.

SECTOR THEME: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

We desire to see God's Kingdom fully manifested in the Media Sphere of Uganda by 2062

The media sector refers to news outlets that establish and report news; it includes print (newspapers, magazines), audio (radio), visual (television networks), and cyber (computer generated). This sector has great influence in the national affairs of a nation. It is the main way people get to know what is happening. It is a tool for influence for either good or evil. The power of the media lies in its ability to shape the thinking process and opinions of millions of people everyday thereby influencing the nation's consciousness for either righteousness or wickedness. Those in media among other things decide what is newsworthy and what is not. They can actually create news or make a non-story a big story and turn an important story into a non-story. They can slant a story to say what it is not saying. Modern media is predominantly preoccupied with the spreading of bad news and thus causing fear.

Items for thanksgiving:

- The positive ways that media is being used to promote the

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purposes of God including the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in every sphere.

Ask God's forgiveness for:

The negative ways that the media is being used to promote the kingdom of darkness including:

- The propagation of pornography,
- The propagation of lies and fear,
- The propagation of idolatry, and
- The provocation of hatred, disunity, immorality and any other vices.

Pray that the media sector will:

- Become much more of a force for the promotion of God's purposes in every sphere of our society;
- Uphold and promote righteousness, truth, honesty, morality and responsibility;
- Become a powerful tool for discipling the nation in fulfilment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20);
- Strongly discourage and oppose the propagation of immorality, lies, fear, and the manipulate or distortion of information;
- Be filled with bearers of good news (Isaiah 52:7, Isaiah 61:1, Isaiah 40:9) for every sphere.

Pray that:

- Those whose calling is to serve in this sector will be awakened and arise to take up their calling to fulfil God's purposes for our generation;
- The principalities that rule over this sector and serve satan's agenda in our society will be dethroned.
- **GOD WILL BE GREATLY GLORIFIED IN THE MEDIA SECTOR IN THE YEARS LEADING UP TO 2062**