

3. WEDNESDAY:

THEME FOR THE 2016 ELECTIONS

Praying for the Electorate

Exodus 18:21

But select capable men from all the people – men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain – and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Pray that in 2016 elections and the years ahead:

- Our nation and its leaders will increasingly focus on selecting and appointing into office candidates who are competent, God fearing, incorruptible and full of integrity;
- The value system of the electorate in Uganda will continually change to shun falsehood and prize uprightness in character when considering those seeking leadership all round.

Deuteronomy 16:18-22

Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the LORD your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly. Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you. Do not set up any wooden Asherah pole beside the altar you build to the LORD your God, and do not erect a sacred stone, for these the LORD your God hates.

Bribery and corruption not only blind even the wise, they also twist the words of the righteous.

- Ask the Lord to unleash judgment and terror against the corrupt in our nation.
- Pray that the corrupt in our nation will increasingly find

life difficult and the going rough.

National stability is closely related to upholding justice (v. 20) & Proverbs 29:4

- Pray that just leaders will emerge for our nation.
- Pray that as a result Uganda will be stabilized against civil unrest.
- Pray for the downfall of leaders who practice idolatry and witchcraft.

More Prayers for the Electorate

Pray that:

- Righteous leaders will be raised and will present themselves for leadership;
- The level of education in our nation and its value system will transform to such a point that our people will no longer be gullible to deception by crafty politicians;
- God will visit our nation in such a way that we will select and appoint into office leaders who will turn around the wildernesses and desolations places in national life into fruitful fields (Isaiah 32:15-18);
- The Spirit of wisdom; of counsel and understanding will cover over our nation and empower the electorate to do the sovereign will of God in the choice of leaders;
- The Spirit of God will quicken the electorate to do their civic duty and resist lame excuses of laziness, complacency and indifference;
- Ugandans will cease to be blinded by sectarianism and petty material gain to give away their treasured mandate of choosing leaders;
- Ugandans will increasingly choose to vote on principles rather than on partisan lines;
- The electorate will vote into office productive, performance-driven, policy-minded candidates – for politics without productivity is wasteful.

SECTOR THEME: LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND POLITICS

We desire to see God's Kingdom fully manifested in the Leadership, Governance and Politics Sphere of Uganda by 2062

"For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us."

Isaiah 33:22

All the three arms of government are represented in this scripture: the Judiciary (judge), the Legislature (lawgiver), and the Executive (king). The Lord is keenly interested in all the three and desires to be the ultimate authority behind each of the three arms of government for any nation that chooses His ways. Everything rises and falls on leadership. Without the right leadership in any jurisdiction, there can be no progress. God has a plan for the politics of our land. He is at work to bring this nation to its destiny. This process is accelerated as we in the Body of Christ first engage in continual prayer for the nation and its leaders, and it slows down and even reverses when we fail to do so. It is also accelerated as the Body of Christ disciples believers and release them to their calling in the Kingdom of God

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."

Proverbs 14:34

Governments all over the world suffer from corruption. Uganda is seriously plagued with this vice.

ASK GOD'S FORGIVENESS FOR:

- The sin of theft in our society - corruption is theft and a breach of both the 8th and 10th commandments (Exodus 20:15,17);

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- Covetousness and theft in our homes, businesses, Churches and national institutions;
- Our failure in the Body of Christ to set a good example to the nation with regard to truthfulness and upright living.

Pray that God will raise leaders who:

- Honour Him and understand that the authority and power is held in trust on God’s behalf, and that they will have to give an account to Him of how they exercised it;
- Understand not only their responsibility to the electorate but first and foremost their responsibility before God as far as governance is concerned;
- Are, “a terror for the wrong doers” as God has mandated them to be (Romans 13:3). In order for this to happen, the Lord has to purge the ranks of government of the wrong doers since they do not have the moral right to punish fellow wrong doers. According to Romans 13:3, when a government is properly carrying out its God-given mandate, wrong doers and evil people live in terror. This is the right kind of terrorism!

Pray that:

- There will be harmony between the three arms of government: the Executive, the Judiciary and the Legislature; conflicts and infighting are detrimental because a house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:25);
- Envy and selfish ambition will be uprooted from the corridors of power (James 3:16);
- Evil advisors and conspirators will be removed from places of influence (Proverbs 25:5);
- God will deliver Uganda from “gangster politicians and leaders” plus power hungry syndicates.

Pray that God will raise for Uganda leaders according to His word:

Psalm 72:1,2,4: “¹Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. ²He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. ⁴He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.”

Leaders with:

- God’s sense of justice and righteousness;
- The ability and resolve to crush all forms of oppression in our communities.

Proverbs 20:28: “Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upheld by mercy”

- Leaders with a spirit of mercy and truth, and no falsehood.

Proverbs 20:26: “A wise king scatters the wicked and drives the threshing wheel over them”

- Leaders with the ability and determination to scatter and punish the wicked.

Proverbs 25:5: “Remove the wicked from the king’s presence and his throne will be established through righteousness”

- Leaders that will refuse to surround their thrones with wicked men and women.

Pray in accordance with:

Proverbs 29:2: “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bears rule, the people mourn.”

- That God will raise an ever-increasing number of righteous people to places of authority so that our people will rejoice and not mourn or groan.

Proverbs 29:12: *“If a ruler listens to lies, all his official become wicked”*

- That God will raise leaders who will refuse to listen to lies or allow wicked people to surround them;
- That God will remove liars, evil counsellors and bootlickers from places of authority across the land.

Proverbs 16:12: *“Kings detest wrongdoing, for a throne is established through righteousness.”*

- That at all levels of governance in our nation there will be an increasing hatred for wrongdoing.

Proverbs 29:4: *“By justice a king gives a country stability but one who is greedy for bribes tears it down.”*

- That there will be justice in the governance of our land so that we will experience stability;
- That the company of people tearing down our nation every day by giving and receiving bribes will diminish.

From Daniel 10 and Ezekiel 27 it is clear that there are specific satanic beings working in the politics and in the governments of the world.

- Pray resisting the influence of these evil powers on the lives of those in authority.
- Pray that the Lord will judge and remove evil establishments in government (Jeremiah 1:10).

Psalms 33:12: *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”*

- Pray that Uganda become more and more a nation that acknowledges Jehovah God as our Lord so that our national motto “For God and my country” will be more than lip service.

Psalm 104:

Verse 30: *“You send forth your spirit and they are created; and you renew the face of the earth”*

Also read verses 10-13 and Isaiah 32:15

God has promised to renew the face of Uganda.

- Beseech the Lord to pour out His Spirit over Uganda that this word will be fulfilled in all sectors of our society;
- Pray that the wilderness situations in all spheres of our society: education, the economy/business, politics/government, media, culture, entertainment and the arts, families etc. will become a fruitful field and that the fruitful field will become a forest (Isaiah 32:15).

Verse 19a: *“He appointed the moon for seasons...”*

God has appointed a new season for Uganda and in this new season many of the negative things that have been characteristic of Uganda will be swept away.

Verse-14-15:

- Pray that the Lord will indeed usher in a new season of “food, wine, oil and bread”. Earnestly pray that God will visit agriculture in Uganda so that the enormous agricultural potential of this country will be realised.

Verse 16a:

- Pray that the Lord will visit the forests of Uganda, many of which are fast disappearing, that the trees will become healthier and more productive and the deforestation trend will be reversed.
- Ask the Lord to raise human trees: trees of righteousness. (Isaiah 61:3). Ask Him to raise Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Teachers and Pastors in the Church, in the Marketplace, in the Professions, in Government, in Politics,

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Business and Treasurers of the Kingdom who would be full of sap-life, substance, vision, wisdom, understanding, knowledge and power for reconstructing, rehabilitating and renewing the Great Lakes Region.

Verse 23:

- Pray for a change in the work ethic of our nation. Pray that there will not only be increased employment but also a desire and willingness to actually work so that the able-bodied will work from morning until night.

Verse 25:

- Pray for the fisheries sector that the visitation of the Lord will cause the water bodies of this region to teem with creatures beyond number. Pray also that there will be proper management of these resources and a stop to the pollution of our water bodies.

Verse 28b:

- Pray that the Church in the Uganda will understand and embrace this new season of open hands that the Lord has brought to us.

I Timothy 2:1-4:

Pray that this scenario will be experienced in our nation:

1. The Body of Christ being increasingly involved in prayer for the nation and the government;
2. Increasing peace and quiet in all areas of the nation;
3. Increasing godliness and holiness in all areas of authority throughout the nation: the downfall of the wicked from places of influence – liars, thieves, the corrupt, murderers, opportunists, those who do not have the interests of the nation at heart but are in authority for personal

advancement, and, the raising of the righteous in places of authority;

4. The gospel of the Kingdom of God being preached and men increasingly coming to the knowledge of the truth as the Church takes seriously the mandate to disciple the nation.

- *Remember 1 Timothy 2:3 says this scenario is good and pleases God and so we can pray with confidence knowing that this is in the will of God and so the Lord will answer this prayer (1 John 5:14,15).*

PRAY THAT GOD WILL BE GREATLY GLORIFIED IN THE LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND POLITICS SECTOR IN THE YEARS LEADING UP TO 2062.