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**FOR GOD &  
MY COUNTRY**

**Watoto Church**

**24-HOUR PRAYER FOR UGANDA**

Wednesday 9 October 2024 (12am-11:59pm)

THEME: FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY



# FOR GOD & MY COUNTRY

## INTRODUCTION

**Psalm 33:12 (ESV)** *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage.”*

When Uganda gained independence from colonial rule in 1962, a beautiful and powerful motto was crafted for our nation: *“For God and My Country”*. This motto is a reflection of what Jesus answered the teachers of the law when they asked Him about the greatest commandment by God. He said: *“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these,”* ( *Mark 12:30-31 ESV*). Therefore, *“For God and My country”* means that as Ugandans, we shall always exalt and serve God with all that we are, and we will love and serve the people before 'self'.

Our national anthem is also a prayer to God: *“Oh Uganda, may God uphold thee!”* Our nation is also blessed with good weather, abundant food, and vast natural resources, which we should never take for granted. If we return to God and live according to His commands, we will walk in the blessing for generations to come.

As a church, we are dedicating 24 hours to pray for our country on Independence Day, Wednesday, 9 October 2024.

Use this Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ForGodAndMyCountry> to login in tonight from 12am EAT until tomorrow at 11:59pm EAT.

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# I Will Uphold Justice

## ***Psalms 89:14-15 (NKJV)***

*"Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance."*

Our God rules and governs with righteousness and justice as the foundation of His throne. As the people of Uganda, we must uphold justice at all levels in society. Justice is treating all people with fairness, value, dignity and worth because we are all made in the image of God. All are equal before God regardless of race, colour and origin. Our nation has struggled with unjust practices such as rampant corruption, land grabbing, and oppression of people like widows and orphans etc. People with power have taken away what belongs to the weak ones. If we are to experience Gods' blessing as a nation, we must uphold justice at all levels of our communities.

## **UPHOLD JUSTICE AS AN INDIVIDUAL**

A nation is made up of individuals, and we are those individuals. For justice to prevail, each individual must take personal responsibility to do what is right. Let us pray for our personal lives, that we will uphold justice in every area that God has placed us.

## **Scripture**

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## **Prayer points**

- Give thanks to God for our land and every blessing that He has give us.
- Seek repentance for all the injustices that have happened and are still happening in our country.
- Pray that God will help us to do right; to walk humbly before Him and seek justice.
- Pray that we will learn to defend the oppressed, speak for the voiceless and execute justice for all people.
- Pray for the liberty of the everyone that has suffered or currently suffering the effects of injustice in one way or another. Ask God to deliver them from oppression and give them justice.

# Family To Uphold Justice



As families, we have God's divine responsibility to uphold justice - men have the priestly role of leading their families in the ways of the Lord! Family is key to the health of the nation. Unfortunately, in some families, there is abuse and mistreatment of weak family members. When families are broken, we have a broken society, and when society is broken, the church and the entire nation are broken.

## Scriptures

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*"Righteousness and justice are the foundations of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance."*

## Prayer points

- Offer thanksgiving to God for the gift of marriage, children and healthy relationships.
- Bring repentance for the areas that parents have failed in their role of teaching (and parenting) their children in a godly ways.
- Pray for God's wisdom that parents will nurture and discipline their children with justice.
- Pray that parents will not provoke their children to sin.
- Pray that parents will train their children to uphold justice. May parents be a good example of people in society that uphold justice.



# Church To Uphold Justice



God has entrusted us with a great ministry to bring healing to the cities and the nation. And as His children, it's our duty to reflect His character of righteousness and justice. We do this by upholding justice in our church communities like Cell Families, Campuses, Neighbourhood programs, and other ministry opportunities.

## Scriptures

### ***Psalms 89:14***

*"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you."*

## Prayer points

- Thank God for His favour and protection over the church.
- Thank God for the godly leaders that He allowed us to have in the church.
- On behalf of the church, ask for repentance in the areas where we have failed to uphold justice.
- Repent on behalf of church leaders who have suppressed or shied away from speaking the truth.
- Pray that the church will be bold in the face of injustice and persecution.
- Ask for the empowerment of Holy Spirit (spiritual gifts) to be effective to witnesses of Jesus.
- Pray that as a church, we will continually seek justice, mercy and walk humbly before God.

# Nation To Uphold Justice



If we were a nation that truly belongs to God, like our motto and national anthem state, we would not just sing or talk about them but rather uphold the Godly values expressed in those emblems. As Ugandans, we must forsake ungodly ways like injustice and uphold justice in our personal lives, families, workplaces, schools, government offices and different leadership positions. Then, we will glorify God in our land and be blessed as a nation that acknowledges God.

## Scriptures

***Psalms 89:14 (NIV)*** *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you*

## Prayer points

- Give thanks to God for the godly inheritance and values that we have as a nation.
- Bring repentance for the injustices that we have practiced as a nation e.g corruption, bloodshed, discrimination, oppression of the weakness, perversion of justice etc
- Repent for bloodshed and for lives that have been sent to prison innocently.
- Pray the as a nation we will return to God and seek his ways.
- Pray that we will act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God.

# I Will Be A Good Steward

**Psalms 24:1 NIV** *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."*

**Genesis 2:15 (ESV)** *"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."*

The earth and everything in it belong to God, who put man to work it and care for His earth. A steward is someone who is responsible for looking after another person's property and taking care of it on behalf of the owner. We acknowledge as a nation the blessings we enjoy have been given to us by God (the natural resources, stunning landscapes, and favourable weather etc). God calls us to be good stewards of these gifts and use them to reflect His love and grace. If Uganda is going to prosper, all of us must rise to be good stewards.

## INDIVIDUALS TO BE GOOD STEWARDS

God calls each one of us to be good stewards. The Bible says good stewardship is blessed while bad stewardship is judged (Mathew 25:14-30). As individuals, let's strive to be good stewards so that we can walk in the blessing of God in our lives.

### Scriptures

**Colossians 3:22-25** *"Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism."*

**1 Peter 4:10** *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

### Prayer points.

- Give thanks to God for provision and everything He has entrusted you with.
- Repent for the areas that you have been careless and not diligent.
- Pray that us individuals we will steward every resources. Ask God for wisdom to maximize our potential and fulfill God's plans and purposes for our individual lives.



# Families To Be Good Stewards

God not only calls individuals to be good stewards, but He also expects good stewardship to be practiced in our families. Every family has been entrusted with resources (work property, businesses, finances). If we steward well what God has given us, He will increase it and multiply it so that we may be blessed and be a blessing.

## Scripture

### **Genesis 2:15 (NIV)**

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."*

## Prayer points

- Thank God for every gift He has blessed us with as families.
- Repent on behalf of families where we haven't been good steward.
- Pray that God will enable parents to model stewardship in families.
- Pray that as families we will be faithful with what God has entrusted us with. Ask God to give us the strength and wisdom to multiply what we have been given.

# Church To Be Good Steward

Good stewardship within God's house attracts His blessing and serves as an example to the world on what it looks like to practice biblical principles. The world we live in grapples with misuse, wastage, corruption etc. God's house must be a light within this culture of darkness and evil. The church has been blessed with an overflow of resources. When stewarded well, we can fulfil our vision and assignment because of God's overwhelming blessing upon us. It can result in more people being reached with the Gospel through church planting, missions and outreach activities, community needs etc

## Scriptures

***Psalms 24:1*** "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it..."

***Mathew 25:14-30***

## Prayer Points

- Thank God for the congregation that He has entrusted us with and the ministry impact that we have.
- Thank God for the resources (finances, people, time etc) that He has given us so that can fulfill our vision as a church.
- Repent for where we have not been faithful with the resources that God has given us as a church.
- As church members, repent for where we have been selfish with our gifts; not using them for the benefit of God's work.
- Ask God to give us wisdom to steward what we have been given. Pray for God's guidance during the planning processes so that our plans are successful.
- Pray for accountability and transparency. Pray that the church will stay true to the Gospel of Christ.
- Pray that the Church of Christ will be the light and the salt in this country.

# Nation To Be A Good Steward

God has blessed every nation in the world with resources, including people, minerals, fertile soils, and natural resources. It's the responsibility of the nation's leaders and people to put in place systems, processes, and a culture that ensures everything is stewarded properly for the prosperity of the nation and the benefit of all. Where Biblical principles of stewardship are ignored, there is poverty, stress, underdevelopment, unemployment, war, violence and strife. However, where stewardship is practised, there is wealth, property, peace, opportunity for all, generosity, etc.

## Scriptures

**Jeremiah 2:7** *"I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable."*

**Colossian 3:22-25** *"Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism."*

## Prayer points

- Thank God for the resource that we have as a country.
- Thank God for the leadership of this country, right from the lowest to highest position.
- Repent on behalf of this nation for the different areas where we have not stewarded the resources entrusted to us.
- Repent for corruption, theft, greed and selfishness among the people of Uganda.
- Pray that the nation will return to God, acknowledging that everything belongs to God.
- Pray that every Ugandan will work hard for the benefit of other citizens. Pray that every Ugandan will be faithful in stewarding resources.



# I Will Uphold Unity



**Psalm 133:1-3** *"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore."*

Unity is the state of being one, or united; oneness; singleness. God's heart is moved to bless us when we pursue Unity. Today, we focus on unity as a vital component for the prosperity of our nation, Uganda. The enemy knows the power of unity and so He fights it. Therefore, today let's take time and pray that as citizens of the Nation of Uganda we will overcome the spirit of disunity and pursue unity.

## INDIVIDUALS TO UPHOLD UNITY

Unity is one of the core values of Watoto Church.

When Jesus prayed for the believers and those who will believe in Him, his heart was for unity (John 17:20-21). Let's take time to pray that as individuals, we will uphold unity in our places of influence.

### Scripture

**John 17:20-21** *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

**1 Corinthians 12:12** *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*

### Prayer points

- Thank God for our lives as individuals that make up families, communities and the nation.
- Repent for where as individuals we have promoted disunity.
- Pray that God will heal us from past hurts that are hindering us from being united.
- Pray that we will recognise our individual role in contributing to the unity of families, communities and nation.
- Pray that we will pursue unity as individuals. That we will demonstrate selfless love for one another.

# Family To Uphold Unity

We learn from Jesus that a house divided against itself will not stand. Unity in the family is critical for the health of family members and society, where there is love, care, mutual respect and support for one another. Unfortunately, many of our families are not experiencing God's plan for family life. There is anger, bitterness, jealousy, greed, strife etc, leading to unimaginable pain such as divorce, land/property wrangles, murder, witchcraft, theft, homelessness and oppression of the vulnerable like orphans and widows. The devil wants to destroy the family to destroy a nation. Therefore, as families, we have a great responsibility to uphold unity so that God's plan and purposes for individuals, families and the whole nation are fulfilled and we can live in God's wholeness.

## **Scripture**

**John 17:20-21** *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

**1 Corinthians 12:12** *"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*

## **Prayer point**

- Thank God for the gift of family, children, marriage and healthy relationships.
- Repent on behalf of family members that have failed to uphold unity in their families. Some members have actively caused disunity in nuclear and extended families.
- Pray for healing and reconciliation in families.
- Pray for protection of families and marriages. Pray for protection of Children from demonic agendas.
- Pray for health and prosperity of families (nuclear and extended).

# Church To Uphold Unity



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When Jesus prayed for the believers and those who will believe in Him, his heart was for unity. The church is made of people from different nations, tribes and tongues across the world and yet through salvation in Christ; we become one in God's Family. Theological debates, personal preferences, leadership wrangles and church traditions have existed for centuries and have become a source of disunity in the body of Christ. Therefore, Jesus' prayer for unity is one we must echo today more than ever before.

## **Scripture**

**1 Corinthians 12:12** "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

## **Prayer points**

- Thank God for Watoto Church and the whole Church of Christ in Uganda.
- Let's repent as a church for where we have neglected our responsibility of upholding unity. Ask for forgiveness for where we have hurt one another and where churches are fighting against each other instead of being one in Christ. Pray against division and disunity in the church.
- Pray for harmony and unity in the church. Pray that church leaders will model unity in the congregation.
- Pray for spiritual growth and maturity among believers.



# Nation To Uphold Unity



Uganda has more than 53 tribes, languages, and dialects. Diversity is a blessing from God that should be enjoyed by the people of Uganda and celebrated. However, Uganda has struggled with a long history of disunity along tribal, political, social and economic lines. The result has been war, injustice, and corruption. We do not want to go back to the past. We must build a new Uganda. Therefore, every citizen and resident in this nation must pursue unity so that Uganda may be blessed.

## Scripture

**John 17:20-21** "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

**1 Corinthians 12:12** "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."

## Prayer points

- Let's thank God for the peace, prosperity and protection in this nation.
- Let's repent for the pain and hurt (war, disease, hatred etc) that has come upon our land as a result of disunity. Pray against bitterness and disunity among tribes and political lines.
- Let's pray for healing and reconciliation in our nation. Pray for Godly leadership in every sphere to inspire unity among the people of Uganda.
- Pray for unity in diversity in our nation. Pray for peace and harmony in the nation.
- Pray for protection and security of every Ugandan.

# Revival In Love For Uganda



Being Ugandan is not an accident or a mistake. Even before we were born, God had a plan and purpose for each citizen in this country. Let's pray that God will renew our hearts to love and care for our country. Let our eyes be opened to see the beauty of our land and how blessed we are, because we will be held accountable of how we stewarded this land.

## Scriptures

**Jeremiah 29:7** *"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."*

**Acts 17:26-28** *"From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'"*

## Prayer points

- Let's thank God for being Ugandans.
- Let's ask God to forgive us where we lost the love for our country, and even done things that have hurt our nation.
- Pray that God will renew our hearts and love for Uganda.
- Pray for healing over Ugandans from the hurts and trauma that they have experienced.

# National Economy



Let's pray for our nation's economic revival. We want to see God bring restoration, growth, and prosperity so that we may flourish. May God guide our policymakers, business leaders, and individuals to make choices that honour and benefit our country.

## Scriptures

**Deuteronomy 28:8** *"The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you."*

**Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)** *"Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant, he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath."*

## Prayer point

- Give thanks to God for a thriving economy despite the challenges that we face. Thank God for stable inflation rates, opportunities to earn, a national budget etc.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and vision. Pray that our leaders will lead with integrity, compassion and prioritize the well-being of all citizens. That our leaders will pass economic policies that promote justice, equality, and prosperity for all.
- Pray for businesses and all who are part of the workforce across our country. Pray that workers will be treated with dignity and respect, and that businesses operate ethically and sustainably. Bless their efforts; may God provide for their needs, and guide them in creating a thriving and just economy.
- Pray for the vulnerable and marginalized people in our societies who are disproportionately affected by economic hardships. Ask God to give them strength, hope, and support during difficult times.
- Ask God to release compassion in our hearts to care for the least among us and to create opportunities for all to flourish.
- Pray for increased productivity; for us to be good stewards of the resources God has given us and to engage in productive economic activity.
- Pray for more job creation and employment opportunities.
- Pray for debt reduction and financial stability, growth, development, justice and equality in economic system.



# Governance

All leadership comes from God. Thus, governance is God's idea. Governance plays a critical role in shaping and guiding the direction of our nation at different cascading levels, from national to local/grassroots. At every point of decision-making, there is leadership, which, if not God-honouring, can easily have devastating outcomes.

## Scripture

**2 Chronicles 1:10**; *Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours.*

**Proverbs 11:14 NLT** *“Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.”*

## Prayer point;

- Give thanks to God for peace, leadership, stability in the country.
- Pray for:
  - » Guidance and wisdom for our leaders at all levels of government - that they may make decisions with integrity and compassion. clarity and discernment for leaders.
  - » Justice and fairness to prevail in all governmental decisions and policies, ensuring the protection of human rights and equality for all.
  - » Accountability, transparency and integrity in all governmental actions, finances, and decision-making processes.
  - » Courage and strength for our leaders to uphold integrity in all their engagements.
  - » Discernment and wisdom in policy-making, that decisions are grounded in the common good and consider the needs of all members of society. Pray for creativity and innovation in finding solutions for complex challenges facing the community.

# Education System

Uganda is predominantly made up of young people, who spend most of their time in schools. God has given these young people gifts and talents to serve Him. We desire that the education system is one that cultivates their God-given potential to serve Him, instead of suppressing it. We would like to see Godly principles taught and modeled in the education system, and that every agenda of the enemy to corrupt the children will not enter the system.

## Scripture;

**Deuteronomy 6:6-9** *"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*

**Psalms 127:1** *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."*

## Prayer Points:

- Thank God for the current education system and what it has contributed in the children's lives, and the current changes in the syllabus.
- Repent where we have destroyed the system.
- Pray that God will raise Godly leaders in the system.
- Ask God for change in the education system to be one that cultivates, nurtures and grows their God-given potential, gifts and talents.
- Ask God for the education system to be centered around Godly principles and values.
- Pray against the agenda of the enemy to infiltrate our education system.