

Intercessory Prayers for Peaceful Elections in Uganda

1. We pray for candidates to seek God's guidance.

That like all of us, they're susceptible to losing sight of what's most important to God. Pray that they would seek God first as they seek to serve our country. For those who don't publicly follow Christ, pray that they would seek wise counsel and be encouraged toward good perspectives and actions by the Christians around them.

Dear Lord, thank You that we are praying government representatives who will believe Your truth. Remind them after election to seek Your guidance as they make decisions that affect our country and the world. Send them godly wisdom and good counselors. And give the candidates strength to choose integrity in both their campaigns and their terms in office.

(L) Lord hear us.

(ALL) Lord graciously hear our prayer.

2. We pray that candidates (and all of us!) would have listening ears and soft hearts.

Most of us have been guilty of preparing an answer before someone has even finished asking a question. Or we've been so concerned with promoting our own agenda that we fail to understand the big picture. During elections we see this even more, in our personal lives and in political campaigns. We all — our leaders included — need the humility to listen first.

Lord Jesus, forgive us for the times we've entered a conversation without really listening. Show us how to listen with open and humble hearts, especially to people different from us. Help our candidates to do the same. Teach us as a nation to focus less on getting our way and more on loving our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us. Lord, give our candidates and prospective leaders the strength to be humble, soft-hearted, and willing to listen to every voice.

(L) Lord hear us.

(All) Lord graciously hear our prayer.

3. We pray for candidates to address poverty and justice issues.

The 2026 elections will have lasting effects on issues deeply important to Ugandans. People with money and power will have an easier time promoting their perspectives, but the election will also affect others without the means to amplify their voices. God's Word calls us to "uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed" {Psalm 82:3.}. We start by praying that leaders would care about issues affecting the most vulnerable and work to address them.

Father God, we are grateful that You love each of us no matter our status or abilities. Thank You that You walk with children and families struggling against poverty and injustice, calling us to do the same. We ask that candidates running for election would speak out about poverty and listen to the voices of the vulnerable. Give our leaders wisdom to create solutions that empower people living in poverty to survive and thrive. Help us to answer Your call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

(L) Lord hear us.

(ALL) Lord graciously hear our prayer.

4. We pray that our candidates after elected leaders would commit to working together (and that we would work with them too).

God purposely created us with differences and designed us to work together. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ" {1 Corinthians 12:12}.

We are one nation, but made up of many different parts — so it's easy to become divided. And sometimes we're guilty of buying into it. But we pray against the idea that we cannot work together. We lift up a prayer for government and we pray that, with God's grace, we would work as a nation toward unity.

Jesus, thank You for humbling Yourself to walk alongside us as a man. Help our leaders be willing to walk alongside each other, in our beloved country and in their constituencies, and especially with the marginalized. Our leaders have different opinions and priorities; give them the wisdom to navigate differences and work together to strengthen our country. Remind us in this election year that You have called Christians to be one body.

(L) Lord hear us.

(ALL) Lord graciously hear our prayer.

5. We pray that we would see each other through Jesus' eyes.

Imagine how different our lives would be if we loved each other like Jesus loves us. It's not always easy to love our own family and friends, let alone people who seem to insult us or our beliefs. During the elections, we have been seeing some security organs default to toucher and harass civilians, some candidates default to abusive language and anger, and we may have been tempted to do the same ourselves. But Jesus' call to love makes no exceptions for the election season.

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Heavenly Father, we ask you today to be with us and our country now as you have been since our first days as a nation. Help us to listen less to harsh rhetoric and more to the Holy Spirit. Help us to feel how Your Spirit will guide us, no matter the election's outcome. We ask for peace, love and hope, **through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ, our King, we pray today that we can look beyond the current political landscape, in a moment when it seems like it's the only thing everyone is talking about, and remember that we are builders of Your kingdom here on earth. Prince

of Peace, help peace flourish amid division, and strengthen us to live generously and charitably to one another. **We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God, may Your Spirit unify us. May we recognize that we are all created in Your image, regardless of which political candidates we vote for. As we approach this election, open our eyes to recognize that as people we may disagree, but we still remain brothers and sisters, Your children. **We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**