



IFSA PRAYER STRATEGY



2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

**"I have set before you life and death... now choose life."
(Deuteronomy 30:19)**

PHASE 1 - AWARENESS AND MOBILISATION – MAY 2026

1. UNDERSTANDING THE CALL TO PRAY – *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority..." - 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

All prayer movements and churches to bring an awareness to their congregations/ministries that this is a year of local government elections and of our responsibility to pray for a righteous government – Isaiah 26:2

Provide an understanding of the importance of prayer for peace, calm, and righteousness during election periods. Elections often bring tension, division, and uncertainty in communities. Therefore, we are called to stand in the gap through prayer so that God's peace and order may prevail – Jeremiah 29:7

2. PRAYER FOR THE IEC

1. Staff Morale, Integrity & Courage - *"Let us not grow weary in doing good..." – Galatians 6:9*

- Pray that IEC staff will remain steadfast, committed, and faithful to delivering free and fair elections. Ask God to strengthen their courage to act with integrity, fairness, and transparency—even under pressure or intimidation.

2. Strength, Endurance & Wisdom Under Pressure - *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength..." – Isaiah 40:31*

- Pray for supernatural strength and endurance for IEC staff and all supporting institutions. Ask God to sustain them through long hours, travel, and demanding schedules.
- Pray for wisdom, foresight, and sound decision-making in every stage of preparation and execution.

3. Clarity, Discernment & Sound Judgment – *"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace..." – 1 Corinthians 14:33*

- Pray for clarity of mind and understanding among officials, political parties, and citizens.
- Pray against confusion, deception, and impulsive reactions
- Pray that harmful narratives and misinformation will be silenced.

4. Peaceful Communities & Reduced Disruptions – *"Blessed are the peacemakers..." – Matthew 5:9*

- Pray that protests and disruptions affecting IEC work will be minimised and peacefully resolved. Ask God to bring understanding to communities about the role of the IEC.
- Declare peace, cooperation, and stability in all areas where electoral activities take place.

3. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR MUNICIPALITY – *"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land - Ezekiel 22:30*

In each province, identify the names of the municipalities and the areas each one covers.

Identify those able to take responsibility to coordinate prayer in each municipality.

Local teams to identify individual wards.