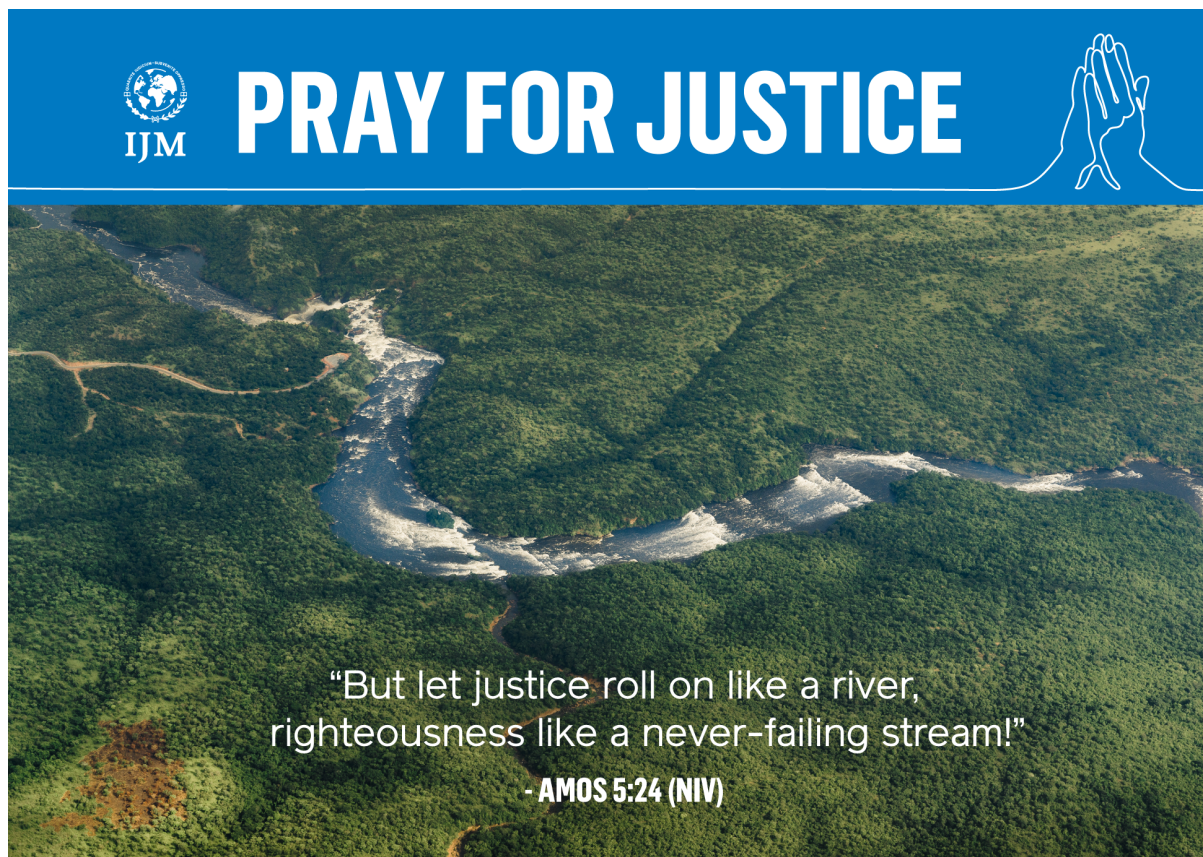


From: Kath Johnson, IJM UK contact@email.ijmuk.org
Subject: IJM Prayer: Pastor sentenced for child abuse in Uganda
Date: 24 May 2025 at 08:01
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Hi [REDACTED]

IJM loves to partner with Christians and churches around the world. Our work relies on the prayer and support of people like you, who passionately believe in freedom and justice.

But occasionally, **we must turn to lament when we hear stories of abuse perpetrated by the very people who should be helping to build God's kingdom on earth.** Just last year, a pastor in Western Uganda was sentenced to 18 years in prison for abusing a 14-year-old boy.

Please be aware that some details of this story are difficult to read.

Under the guise of praying for the boy to recover from illness, **the pastor repeatedly sexually assaulted him.** Following the incidents, the boy began to experience severe pain.

One day, the boy bravely decided to confront the pastor, warning him that he would expose the abuse. In response, the perpetrator physically assaulted him to silence him.

The boy finally shared the truth with his grandmother, who reported the situation to the police. The perpetrator was subsequently arrested and charged.

The police referred the case to IJM for support in the investigations, and we also provided counselling for both the boy and his grandmother.

Legal proceedings lasted almost a year, but justice has finally been served. **This pastor has now been sentenced to a total of 63 years in prison for abusing this boy and another young boy called Alpha*** whose story you may remember from a previous prayer email.

Join us in thanking God that this man cannot use his position to harm any more children. **Please pray that this strong sentence deters more people from using religion and power to abuse children.**

Opening Prayer

God of love and comfort,

We pray for continued recovery and healing
of the boys impacted by this abuse.
Lord, would they know your loving presence
and experience a future of freedom and thriving.

Thank you that you are close to
those who are broken-hearted.
We lament, and we pray for the church
around the world to reflect
your love and compassion.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the two boys who have received justice, and a third boy who was also abused by this pastor. Pray that these boys would receive all the support they need to heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually from the terrible abuse they've suffered.

IJM UK partners with many Christian festivals during the summer, including Wildfires this July. Please pray that we can [build a strong team of volunteers](#) to help reach many more churches and grow this movement of prayer.

PRAISE POINTS

Praise God for the many incredible pastors and churches who support IJM's work. Last year, we saw many hundreds of people across more than 33 churches in the UK and Ireland host Pray for Justice events in partnership with IJM and 24-7 Prayer. Please pray that we can continue to connect with churches, partners to bring justice.

The updates we share can become sensitive over time. To respect and protect survivors, please refrain from posting these prayer requests online – thank you.

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