**Kericho, Kenya**.

We pray for the Diocesan President and all the Mothers’ Union members in Kericho.

Kericho is located within the highlands west of the [Kenyan Rift Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenyan_Rift_Valley). It is home to [Kenya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenya)'s biggest water catchment area, the [Mau Forest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mau_Forest). Kericho is three hours ahead of GMT and it will have got dark at around 7 o’clock pm their time.

Kericho is a very green area with a high altitude and virtually daily rains. It is the centre of Kenya's large [tea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tea) industry and the hills are covered with fragrant tea bushes. Kenya is the world’s third largest tea producer after India and Sri Lanka. Kenyan tea is known for the texture of the fragrant leaves, its brightness, attractive colour and flavour. Much of the tea is exported, with the UK being the largest market.

Kenya is in Mothers’ Union Zone D along with Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Jerusalem and the Middle East. MULOA has had a big impact in Zone D. Mindsets have been changed and members have learnt to listen to one another, understanding people’s challenges and then acting wisely and positively. Communities have been helped as a whole rather than just as individuals. Mothers’ Union is reaching out to children and youths through schools, giving talks on hygiene and relationships. They are also counseling parents in the community, especially on issues such as early child marriage.

The Mothers’ Union in Kericho is very active in promoting family life and in particular the spiritual life of women. Members are active in projects that support the economic empowerment of women; environmental protection; fighting crime, alcoholism and drug abuse; feeding the hungry; visiting the sick in hospital; visiting those in prison; and outreach to single mothers and widows. In many dioceses in Kenya, there is an emphasis on helping those whose life has faced adversity. In Kericho, frequent visits are organised to community members where food and other household items are taken and shared.

Lord, we thank you for all the good works being carried out by Mothers’ Union in Kericho and for the commitment of the members there. We pray for positive outcomes to all the hard work they are putting in.

**Amen**