

## **Kericho, Kenya (2026)**

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

*(A candle is lit)*

Kenya is located in eastern Africa, bordering Tanzania to the south and southwest, Uganda to the west, South Sudan to the northwest, Ethiopia to the north and Somalia to the northeast. It is a country of contrasts with its ethnic diversity producing a vibrant culture that can also be a source of conflict. Despite being the most advanced economy in east and central Africa Kenya faces challenges such as unemployment, poverty and food insecurity.

Positioned on the edge of the Mau Forest, Kericho benefits from a warm and temperate climate. This makes it good for agriculture, especially largescale tea production, so much so that the Town Square has become known as Chai Square. Kenyan tea is known worldwide for its taste and a large proportion of its production is exported to this country.

Kericho is located along Kenya's western tourism circuit with access to Lake Victoria and the Maasi Mara National Reserve. You can find 75 hotels, guesthouses, lodges and resorts in the Kericho area promoted on Tripadvisor!

Kenya is a largely Christian country with the majority being Protestants, Evangelicals and Catholics although others such as the Africa Gospel Church are also well supported. The diverse population mix ensures that religions such as Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs are represented as well.

Having started with just one branch in 1918, today there are more than 100,000 Mothers' Union members in Kenya, all engaged locally in initiatives that meet the needs of their communities. Members work includes tackling female genital mutilation, promoting peace and reconciliation, health awareness, vocational training, parenting and marriage support, savings groups, prison and hospital visits and caring for orphans.

Lord, we thank you for our members in Kenya and Kericho and for all the work they are involved in with their community. We pray that this work will continue to bring improvements to the lives of the people they serve.

**Amen**

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