

Kumasi, Ghana (2026)

We pray for the Diocesan President and all Mothers' Union members in Kumasi. *(A candle is lit)*

Ghana has a population of just over 35 million and Kumasi is Ghana's second largest city after the capital Accra. It is the capital of the Ashanti region of Ghana and the city of Kumasi has a population of 443,000 according to the 2021 census. Kumasi was carved out of a dense forest among hills rising to one thousand feet and is known as the Garden City because of its many species of flowers and plants.

Ghana is at the base of the Horn of Africa and is known for its lush forests and miles of sandy beaches along a picturesque coast. Over half of the population live in urban areas. The highest concentrations are on or near the coast in the southern half of the country, where Kumasi is located. Kumasi has a humid, wet climate. On New Year's Eve the temperature reached 29 degrees Centigrade, 83 degrees Fahrenheit with sunshine, thundery showers and light winds. A bit like our summer weather!

Osei Tutu, a 17th century Asante king, chose the site for his capital and carried out negotiations under a kum tree, whence came the city's name. Some 32 looted artefacts from the Asante kingdom were returned to Kumasi in 2024, 150 years after they were taken by British colonisers. They have been loaned for 3 years by the British and Victoria and Albert museums and are now on display in Kumasi in the Manhyia Palace Museum.

Ghana is a multi ethnic country and is rich in natural resources. It is one of the most stable and democratic countries in West Africa; elections for the president and members of parliament were held in 2024.

In 2021 the population and housing census revealed that Pentecostal / Charismatic Christians make up the largest religious group in Ghana, reaching a share of 31%. Only 1.1% of the population had no religion.

Mothers' Union in Ghana is a strong and active presence with over 2,500 members. They work to support people at every stage of life, demonstrating a deep commitment to nurturing family life and community wellbeing. The Mothers' Union outreach spans a wide variety of programmes tailored to meet local needs, this includes school food programmes for improved learning outcomes and campaigns for awareness of support for older people.

We thank you Lord for the commitment of our members in Kumasi and for all that they do to nurture their people. We pray that their work and commitment will continue to enrichen the lives of those in their community.

Amen

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