



There are many ways you can add a little flavour of Kagera to your service. Try using some Swahili prayers and responses, or sing some Swahili songs. It's very easy to read Swahili; it's entirely phonic, so just say every syllable as it is written. Pick and choose what suits you, and use them in any service you like.

### **The Gathering**

Kwa jina la Bwana, na Mwana, na Roho Mtakatifu <b>Amina</b>	In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit <b>Amen</b>
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### **The Greeting**

Bwana akae nanyi <b>Pia na roho yako</b>	The Lord be with you <b>And with your spirit</b>
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### **Confession**

Dear God, we are sorry when we are not the people you would like us to be.

Bwana uturehemu *(Lord have mercy)*

**Bwana uturehemu**

We are sorry when we try to live all by ourselves, instead of talking to you and with other people who love us.

Kristo uturehemu *(Christ have mercy)*

**Kristo uturehemu**

We are sorry when we push away other people who need us to listen to their worries and to support them in their lives.

Bwana uturehemu

**Bwana uturehemu**

Christ came into the world to forgive people just like us.

May the God of Love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins and assure us of His eternal love,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(or)*

Bwana uturehemu <b>Bwana uturehemu</b> Kristo uturehemu <b>Kristo uturehemu</b> Bwana uturehemu <b>Bwana uturehemu</b>	Lord have mercy <b>Lord have mercy</b> Christ have mercy <b>Christ have mercy</b> Lord have mercy <b>Lord have mercy</b>
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### **Bible reading suggestions**

2 Kings 4: 1-7	The widow's cruse
Matthew 5: 13-16	You are like a light for the whole world
Mark 6: 30-44	The feeding of the five thousand
Luke 10: 25-37	The Good Samaritan
Romans 12: 4 -11	One body with many parts
1 Corinthians 12:4-30	One body with many parts
James 1: 22-25 & 2: 14-17	Prayer and practicality

After the Bible readings say:

Bwana asifiwe <b>Amina</b>	Praise the Lord <b>Amen</b>
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### **An East African Masai Creed**

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created Man and wanted Man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the Earth.

**This we believe.**

We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know Him in the light. God promised in the book of His word, the Bible, that He would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

**This we believe.**

We believe that God made good His promise by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left His home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love.

**This we believe.**

He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, He rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

**This we believe.**

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through Him. All who have faith in Him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the Good News to others until Jesus comes again.

**We are waiting for Him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Amani ya Bwana ikae nanyi daima <b>Pia na roho yako</b>	The Peace of the Lord be with you always <b>And with your spirit</b>
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The congregation offer one another a sign of peace, each saying **Amani**

### **The Dismissal**

Nendeni kwa amani	Go in peace
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Twashukuru Mungu

Thanks be to God

### ***Proper Preface for Communion prayer***

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, Father,  
because you have made us part of your family,  
a family of children from every nation, language and tribe.  
We thank you that we are one with our brothers and sisters in Kagera.  
We pray for them as they pray for us, and commit ourselves to you  
as we strive afresh to work for justice in your world.  
When the rains fail, Lord, stir us to pray;  
When the harvest is poor, Lord, stir us to act.  
When faith is difficult, Lord, may we be examples to each other of your truth.

Guide your Church in every land,  
and in this feast of bread and wine  
may we be made one in the bond of the Spirit.

You sent Jesus, your Son, to make the whole of humanity one,  
by preaching and praying a message of unity and love,  
dying on the cross, rising again for us,  
and living for us now at your right hand.  
Therefore, with angels and archangels  
we join with our brothers and sisters in Kagera,  
Christians throughout the world and the whole company of heaven,  
in the song that resounds throughout the world:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord...**





## Swahili Hymns

Sing the first verse in Swahili, then the whole hymn in English

Twae wangu uzima, Sadaka ya daima; Twae saa na siku Zikutukuze huku.	Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Yesu kwetu ni Rafiki, Hwambiwa haja pia; Tukiomba kwa Babaye Maombi asikia; Lakini twajikosesha, Twajitweka vibaya; Kwamba tulimwomba Mungu Dua angesikia.	What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

## Song ideas

We are marching in the light of God ...  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
This little light of mine  
The Spirit lives to set us free, Walk in the light  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
Lord of the dance  
Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
Shine, Jesus, Shine  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Wide, wide as the ocean  
Bless the lord (my brothers)  
One more step along the world I go  
When I needed a neighbour

Or search the internet:

[worshipsongs.org.uk](http://worshipsongs.org.uk) has some great songs with an African feel – look in the children's songs area for **God is with us forever** and **Water of life**

Search youtube for :

**Uyai Mose** (Come all you people)  
**Mungu ibariki afrika** (God bless Africa)





### **Prayers for our link diocese**

Father we pray for our link diocese of Kagera.

We thank you for the growth of your church there, and we ask that we may learn from their example.

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Father we thank you for the work of our ministry team.

We pray for those who minister in rural parishes in Kagera, often walking or cycling many miles to get to services and struggling to make ends meet.

Give them strength and wisdom

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Father we thank you for the work of KCTC in Murgwanza.

Bless the staff there we pray as they train new ministers.

Give them wisdom and determination as they work in difficult conditions.

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Father we thank you for our schools and teachers

And we pray for the schools and teachers in Kagera.

In particular we pray for NAPS, that they may soon complete their dormitory

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Father, we pray that we may grow closer to our brothers and sisters in Kagera.

We ask for your Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us as we grow in God together.

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

**Amen**

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith,

and preserve her in peace.

Together with Martin our Bishop, Mike Bishop of Dunwich

Darlington, Bishop of Kagera

and all the clergy and ministers in this diocese and the diocese of Kagera

we pray for your church in every land.

**Amen**

O Holy Spirit of the Living God

you call us into the fellowship of your Church

and to rejoice in our unity in Christ.

Fill us and all people everywhere with your love and great power.

Bless our fellow Christians here and in Kagera.

Send us out in your power to build up your worldwide Church,

to break down barriers and to serve you faithfully,

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Holy Spirit of the Living God be with us and with our friends in our link diocese of Kagera.

Fill us all with your love and power and give us the grace to work together

to build your kingdom that all might have life in its fullness.

**Amen.**





As we grow in God together, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, and especially for the people of Kagera. Many miles separate us but your grace and spirit unites us in hope and prayer. In our world of plenty we bring to you the needs of a nation who lack the resources so easily available to us. In the face of climate change we pray that improved agriculture will bring fruitful harvests. Let us learn not to take for granted all that we have and to give willingly to others less fortunate than ourselves.

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

As we grow in God together, we give thanks for the support given in this Diocese for Kagera.

We pray for your blessing on the work of pastors and church leaders, here and in Kagera as they mobilise and lead their communities, teaching them and guiding them on the path to a better life in this world and the next.

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

As we grow in God together, we bring to you the spirit of Kagera in all its colour and richness of culture. We give thanks for the people of Kagera and their commitment to each other and their church; for their willingness to give with generosity when they have so little; and their appreciation for the life that they have.

In a country where we seem to have so much, may we re-learn from Kagera the spirit of humility and gratitude, and reconsider our attitude to wealth and material possessions.

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

Dear Lord, as we unite in growth, we offer these prayers for ourselves and for our link diocese, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Holy God, Creator and Father of all nations, tribes and people groups; in your compassion you sent your only Son Jesus that we might be one in unity and heart, reflecting Your Kingdom.

We thank you for the friendship link we have with the Diocese of Kagera.

Across two different continents, we join together and learn to respect the rich diversity of our cultures and contexts, while reflecting the unity of faith we have in Christ.

May we learn from one another.

May we listen to God's wisdom speaking through each other.

May we serve God together in love, purpose and mission.

Grant us vision and hope for the future development of our link partnership;

inspire us to remain steadfast in prayer, and deepen our bonds of friendship so that our communities and the countries we live in will see that God's love is life-changing and real.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is One God now and forever.

**Amen.**

Father God,

may every step we take be guided by you.

Be with us as we walk together with our brothers and sisters in Kagera,

and give us grace and power to build your kingdom,

so that all people everywhere may have life in its fullness.

**Amen**





## ***Sound and video resources***

Links to music and videos you could use in your service:

Listen to a collection of music recorded in churches in Kagera here:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-741870393/sets/music-from-kagera>

(You could play this before the service while the congregation are arriving)

The English class at Kagera Christian Training College sing Walk in the light

<https://vimeo.com/198673569>

(you could play this as an anthem)

Thomas Shavu talks about CCMP (recorded in 2013)

<https://vimeo.com/99733681>

(you could play this as part of the sermon)

Keep checking the website for more resources and ideas

