

Mampruli – Ghana

* All translations written phonetically

Greetings

Good morning	DAH-su-bah
Good midday (noon – 4 pm)	NEE-wun-TAHNG-ah
Good evening	NEE-zah-NO-ree
Good night	ah-nee-WOO-la
Welcome	ee-JAAAH-ree

The universal response to these and several other greetings is **Naa**
(pronounced with a decrescendo intonation)

Most any other greeting has to do with what the person is doing at the time you greet them: working, talking, walking around town, etc. Each response is always **Naa**.

At work	nee tu-MAH
Carrying water from the river	nee ee KU-liga
Having a conversation	nee ee SWAriga
Walking	nee GO-rum
At market (to one person)	nee ee DAH
At market (to more than one person)	nee yah-DAH

Health & Family Greetings

Many greetings are followed by a question about your health or family.

How was your last night's sleep?	EE-sa-don-WU-la
How is your health?	ah-LAH-fee-ya or ah-LAH-fee-ya BEH-nee
How is your husband?	ee-seerah beh WU-la
How is your wife?	ee-pwa beh WU-la
How are your house people?	ee-yeer dee-ma
How is your father?	ee bah beh WU-la
How is your mother?	ee mah beh WU-la
How is your child?	ee bee-YAH beh WU-la
How are your children?	ee bee-SEE beh WU-la

General response (health is there): **ah-LAH-fee-ya** or **ah-LAH-fee-ya BEH-nee**

If one has been sick and is now better, the response is: **DISHWA**

If one is sick, the response is: **kah ah-LAH-fee-ya** or **ah-LAH-fee-ya kah-nee**

Time and Days

Sunday	ah-lah-ha-ree
Monday	ah-ta-nee
Tuesday	ah-ta-lah-ta
Wednesday	ah-lah-ree-bah
Thursday	ah-lah-mee-see
Friday	ah-zoo-mah
Saturday	ah-see-bee-ree

dah-ree added after a day means the coming day
e.g. this coming Monday **ah-ta-nee dah-ree**

Add **lah dah-ree** and it means last week's day
e.g. last Saturday **ah-see-bee-ree lah dah-ree**

Tomorrow	BEE-oh
Yesterday	SOE-si-lah
Day/Days	DAH-ree
Week	baw-qui
Month/Months	go-ree/go-yah
Year/Years	youm-nee/you-mah

Numbers

1	yee-nee
2	ah-bah-yee
3	ah-bah-tah
4	ah-bah-naasi
5	ah-bah-nu
6	ah-bah-yoo-bu
7	ah-bah-yoo-pwa
8	ah-bah-nee
9	ah-bah-weh
10	pee-yah

Other Words and Phrases

God	nah-WOO-nee
Jesus	YEE-sa
Blessing	ah-lah-BAH-rik-ah
Amen	ah-MEE
God give you health	nah-WOON PASS-ee
Thank you	mm pooh-see-ah