## Adinkra Symbols



**ADINKRAHENE** "Chief of adinkra symbols" Greatness, leadership



AKOKO NAN "The leg of a hen" Mercy, nurturing



SANKOFA "Return and get it" Learn from the past

"Executioner's knife"

**SEPOW** 

Justice



**FOFO** "Yellow Flowered plant" Jealousy and envy HWE MU DUA "Measuring stick" Examination and quality control



**NKYINKYIM** "Twisting" Initiative, dynamism, and versatility



authenticity



"Type of hand-woven fabric" Excellence, genuineness, and



AKOMA "The heart" Patience & tolerance



**AKOFENA** "Sword of war" Courage, valor



HYE WON HYE "That which does not burn" Imperishability and endurance



**NSOROMMA** "Child of the heavens" Guardianship



ANANSE NTONTAN "Spider's web" Wisdom, creativity



**AKOMA NTOSO** "Linked hearts" Understanding, agreement



KETE PA "Good bed" Good marriage



NYAME BIRIBI WO SORO "God is in the heavens"



ASASE YE DURU "The earth has weight" Divinity of mother earth



**BESE SAKA** "Sack of cola nuts" Affluence, abundance,



**KINTINKANTAN** "Puffed up extravagance" Arrogance



Hoper NYAME NNWU NA MAWU "God never dies, therefore I cannot die"



AYA "fern" Endurance, resourcefulness



BI NKA BI "No one should bite the other" Peace, harmony



ME WARE WO "I shall marry you" Commitment and perseverance



NYAME NTI "By God's grace" Faith and trust in God

our spirit

perpetual existence of



**DWENNIMMEN** "Ram's horns" Humility and strength



BOA ME NA ME MMOA WO "Help me and let me help you" Cooperation,

interdependence



**MFRAMADAN** "Wind-resistant house" Fortitude & readiness to face life's vicissitudes



NYAME YE OHENE "God is King" Majesty and supremacy of God



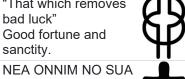
**EPA** "handcuffs" Law, justice, slavery



DAME-DAME "Name of a board game" Intelligence, ingenuity



**MMUSUYIDEE** "That which removes bad luck" Good fortune and sanctity.



NYANSAPO "Wisdom Knot" Wisdom, ingenuity, intelligence, and patience.



**FUNTUNFUNEFU** DENKYEMFUNEFU "Siamese crocodiles" By feeding you I feed myself



**DENKYEM** "Crocodile" Adaptability



A, OHU "He who does not know can learn"



**OKODEE MMOWERE** "The talons of the eagle" Strength, bravery, and power.



GYE NYAME "Except for God" Supremacy of God



**DUAFE** "Wooden comb" Beauty, hygiene, feminine qualities



Life-long learning NKONSONKONS ON "Chain Link" Unity and human relations



ONYANKOPON ADOM NTI BIRIBIARA **BEYE YIE** "By God's grace, all will be well" Hope, providence, and faith.



MMERE DANE "Time changes" Change, life's dynamics



**EBAN** "Fence" Love, safety, security



KWATAKYE ATIKO "Hair style of an Asante war captain" Bravery and valor



OSRAM NE **NSOROMMA** "The Moon and the Star" Love, faithfulness, and harmony.



**MPATAPO** "Knot of reconciliation" Peacemaking. reconciliation



**ESE NE TEKREMA** "The teeth and the tongue" Friendship, interdependence

**FAWOHODIE** 



MATE MASIE "What I hear, I keep" Wisdom, knowledge, and prudence.



OWO FORO ADOBE "Snake climbing the raffia tree' Steadfastness, prudence, and diligence.



**MPUANNUM** "Five tufts" (of hair) Priestly office, loyalty, adroitness



"Independence" Independence, freedom, emancipation



**NYAME DUA** "Tree of god" (altar) God's presence and protection



OWUO ATWEDEE "The ladder of death"



ODO NNYEW FIE **KWAN** "Love never loses its way home" Power of love



**FIHANKRA** "House, compound" Security and safety



**NKYIMU** "Divisions on adinkra cloth before stamping Skillfulness and precision



**PEMPAMSIE** "Sew in readiness" Readiness, steadfastness, and hardiness.



SESA WO SUBAN "Change or transform your character" Life transformation



WAWA ABA "Seed of the wawa tree" Hardiness, toughness, and perseverance.



WI BSA DA MU A "If your hands are in the dish" Democracy, participation, pluralism



WOFORO DUA PA A "When you climb a good tree" Support, cooperation, and encouragement.



TAMFO BEBRE "The enemy will stew in his own juice" Jealousy and envy