Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Jeroham of Beersheba, took good care of the Israelites. She declared all these things to Barak, the son of Encamp, and said to him, “Listen, the LORD God of Israel commands you, Go down at once, along with ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun, and take Sisera, the captain of the Canaanite army, head of the army of Jabin, who has settled in Harosheth of the Gaash.”

Matthew 12:38–42

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:28

Equality and empower all women and girls.

The following Bible verses may help reflection on the promotion of gender equality and empower all women and girls.

1. Matthew 12:38–42
2. Philippians 3:28
3. Galatians 3:28

The following documents may be helpful:

- The Human Rights Council of the United Nations
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- The World Health Organization (WHO)
- The International Labour Organization (ILO)

Prayer Focus: Achieving Gender Equality

Dear God,

We pray for all women around the world who are suffering, especially those subject to violence and discrimination.

We pray for the SDGs around the world to be implemented and achieved.

We pray for the leaders of the world to take action towards the goals of the SDGs.

We pray for the women of the world to be empowered and equal.

We pray for the Salvation Army and its work towards gender equality.

We pray for the Salvation Army to continue to work towards achieving gender equality.

Amen.