



World Federation  
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Uniting Church Women

# A Call to Pray: December 2020

## Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well. [Psalm 139: 14]*

As we near the end of 2020, we give thanks for developments in the production of vaccines that will protect people against COVID-19. We long for the time that medical science will end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases. We long for an end to the harmful practice of Female Genital Mutilation and all forms of violence against women and girls.

**Read:** *Matt 15:30*

*Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.*

**Pray:** Loving God,

We thank you for medical scientists  
who work to bring protection against disease  
and healing to those who are sick.

We thank you for doctors and nurses, care workers and accident and emergency teams,  
who put themselves at risk in order to help others.

We pray for those who do not have access to medical provision.

In our imagination, we bring to you all those in need of healing from sickness,  
protection from violence, and release from depression.

With your healing balm, comfort those who suffer.

May we learn how to care for our bodies and keep them healthy.

Amen

- Respond:**
- ~ Support a local initiative that promotes health and healing.
  - ~ Consider how you might develop a healthier lifestyle.
  - ~ Check out the [World Federation Study Day material](#) for this year, produced by women of the West Africa Area and focusing on SDG 3.

To find out more about Goal 3 and other Sustainable Development Goals visit:

<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>

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