



Prayer Course II: Unanswered Prayer

Leader's Guide

This guide will help you to prepare to run The Prayer Course II: Unanswered Prayer in your context.

The Prayer Course II is a follow up to The Prayer Course, based on Pete Greig's book, God on Mute.

Who is the Prayer Course II for?

We've designed the Prayer Course II: Unanswered Prayer as a follow up to [The Prayer Course](#), which means we recommend it for groups who have already completed the Prayer Course and want to go deeper in their understanding of prayer, and unanswered prayer.

Like [The Prayer Course](#), this follow up series is designed to be used in a small group setting, but it is also suitable for individuals, or churches to use together.

What do I need to run the Prayer Course II?

Everything you need to run the Prayer Course II: Unanswered Prayer can be found on [The Prayer Course II website](#).

The content can be run as an online course, or in-person groups.

The Prayer Course II consists of 5 video sessions, with accompanying small group guides.

Running the Prayer Course II Online

You'll need:

- Video call software such as Zoom, Skype, or Google Meet (we recommend using one that your group will be familiar with)
- The Prayer Course II video session link for each week: these can be found on the sessions page of the Prayer Course II website.
- The Prayer Course II small group guide for each week: these can be found on the sessions page of the Prayer Course II website.
- An allocated time for meeting online as a group each week – we recommend setting a start and finish time for online meetings that works for everyone, and if needed, time for group members to get to know one another a little before the session begins. (each session of the course is designed to be run in 90 minutes)

Running the Prayer Course II in-person

You'll need:

- A laptop or television to watch the video content. The videos are available to download, so that they can be viewed offline. Alternatively, the videos are available on YouTube so can be watched using a smart television, as well as streamed on the Prayer Course website.
- The Prayer Course II small group guides. These can be downloaded from the Prayer Course website as PDFs, or viewed online on a phone, tablet or laptop.
- A comfortable environment for your group. As a group leader, take some time to think about the best place to host the Prayer Course II. If your group is quite small, a living room could be great. However, if your group is larger, think about a room in your church, or consider a community space.

The most important thing is to create a comfortable atmosphere where people can share openly.

What does a session of the Prayer Course II look like?

Each session of the Prayer Course II follows the same format:

- **Introduction:** We encourage you to open in prayer as you start your time together. This doesn't need to be long or well-rehearsed. Simply invite God to be present and ask the Holy Spirit to guide and speak through your time together.
- **Video and interview:** Each video includes a conversation on the week's theme between Pete Greig and co-host Gemma Hunt. Within each video there will also be a short interview with a special guest.
- **Discussion:** Each small group study guide contains discussion questions that directly relate to the content of the video. Don't worry if you don't get through all of the questions; the aim is to create group conversation rather than covering all of the topics.
- **Praying together:** We recommend ending each session with a time of prayer especially as the content of the course could feel quite challenging at points, wrestling with pain and challenges associated with unanswered prayer.

Are there any tips for group leaders?

We recommend the following:

Be Vulnerable – As a leader you'll set the tone for everyone else. However, we recommend creating a safe space and if needed, some ground rules for sharing together.

Be Flexible – The study guides are only guides, so if the conversation goes in a specific direction, don't worry if you don't cover all the questions!

Be Humble – Your job is to help others to share, not to do all of the talking!

Be Pastoral – It's highly likely someone will open up about something very deep through this journey. We recommend that you shouldn't try counselling deep trauma in a small group context. Be aware of your church's pastoral structures and policies so you can point people towards specialist help where needed.

Be Prayerful – Don't forget to pray for your group and with your group throughout the journey. There's such power in prayer ministry and in devoting your time to God.

What additional resources are there?

- **God on Mute by Pete Greig** explores the stories and themes in more detail, and also contains handy tips and topics relating to unanswered prayer.
- **The Lectio 365 App:** a free daily devotional resource that equips you to pray the Bible each morning and night. Find out more about the app: 24-7prayer.com/lectio365
- 24-7prayer.com contains free resources and ideas to help you and your community to pray.

Got questions?

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