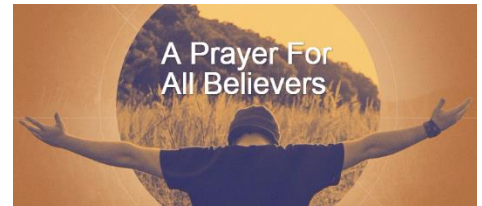


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Message: The Believer's Prayer

Speaker: [Andy Hawthorne](#)

Date: June 4, 2023



Connect (25min)

*Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men/women) to maximize sharing & prayer.

1. GRILL-CHILL-THRILL

*Choose your *summertime favorite* from each category.

- a. **GRILL:** What is your favorite meal to eat off the BBQ?
- b. **CHILL:** What are your favorite frozen drink and favorite frozen dessert?
- c. **THRILL:**
 - i. Lake, Ocean or River?
 - ii. Boat, Bike or Hike?
 - iii. Island, City or Interior?
 - iv. Movie, Concert, Game or Book?
 - v. Sun or Shade?
 - vi. Tent, Trailer, Hotel?

2. FAITH FOCUS

What has encouraged or challenged you from your personal devotions (reading/prayer) this week?

Share one highlight with the group – an insight, encouragement, challenge or application.

3. P.R.A.Y. - BE BOLD IN LOVE. Pick up a copy of JUNE's Prayer Focus brochure at church.

📖 Read [Psalm 145](#). Share the reading as a group & use it as a guide for prayer.

🙏 Pray – Take 10min to P.R.A.Y. together. Leader – time & transition to each component.

-- Pause (be still & listen. 2min)

-- Rejoice & Reflect (praise & thanks. 2min.),

-- Ask (invite & request 4min.)

-- Yes (surrender & trust. 2min)

Message Discussion (45min)

*Reconnect as a large group.

1. MESSAGE FEEDBACK

*Share your initial feedback on Sunday's Message. What did you learn? What challenged or encouraged you?

2. THE BELIEVER'S PRAYER - 📖 Read [Luke 11:1-12](#).

- a. What do you learn about God?
- b. What do you learn about the Disciples? The disciples (in v.1) ask Jesus to *teach them to pray*.
If you could ask Jesus to teach you anything and know you were going to get an answer, what would it be?
- c. What do you think they saw in Jesus' prayer life that inspired them?
- d. What are a few things that we observe and learn about Prayer from Jesus' answer and model of prayer?

3. CONTEXT OF THE QUESTION 📖 Read [Luke 9:1-14, 10:1-12, 17-24](#).

- a. How do you think these experiences fed into the disciples' desire to learn how to pray?

4. ABBA FATHER

- a. What does the Hebrew word *Abba* mean and how was it generally used?
- b. We are invited to pray “*Abba Father*” at the start of *The Believer’s Prayer*. How does that make you feel, and if we truly believed we had a Heavenly Father who loves us and has unlimited resources, how would it affect our prayer life?

5. HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

- a. Where are the key areas in our personal life, family life, and nation’s life where God’s Name isn’t hallowed?
- b. What *big* differences would it make if God’s Name was greatly revered and honoured and Jesus was seen as King? i. In my/your life? ii. In my/your family’s life? iii. In our nation?
- c. How would it affect our prayer lives if we first gave praise and requests about God and his glory before making requests around us and our needs?

6. FORGIVE US AS

- a. “*Your true understanding of the Gospel is revealed in how we love and forgive others.*” How does that make you feel?
- b. If we truly want to pray ‘*forgive us our sins AS we forgive those who sin against us*’ are there people we need to choose to forgive today? (Take a moment to consider, but don’t share names & details)
- c. How’s has God’s forgiveness been transforming the way you forgive yourself and others?
- d. How does forgiveness tie in with the spiritual battle we face (with Satan, the world and our flesh)?

Prayer (20min)

*Break into groups of 3-4 people (or men/women) to maximize sharing & prayer time.

Matthew 6:8-13 – [The Message](#)

This is your Father you are dealing with, and He knows better than you what you need.

With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven, Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what’s best— as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. You’re in charge!

You can do anything you want! You’re ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes.

- In response Sunday’s message and our discussion, let’s pray:
 - > For one another (5min)
 - > For our families (5min)
 - > For Canada (5min)

Resource

 [How To Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People](#) by [Pete Grieg](#).

 www.24-7prayer.com/resource/the-prayer-course - based on *How To Pray*.

 [The Lord’s Prayer \(It’s Yours\)](#) by Matt Maher

Group Plans

*Confirm your Life Group plans for June, the summer break, and tentative plans for September.