PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Instrumental music can continue throughout the prayer

Music leaders: When my work takes me places I don't want to go
All: Christ before me
ML: And my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road
All: Christ be with me

Worship leader: Almighty God we pray for our world…[here the worship leader can fill in global prayers specific to current events, and/or invite people to speak prayers aloud]

ML: When the care of my family takes all that I have
All: Christ within me
ML: When I'm worn and exhausted, ashamed that I'm mad
All: Christ defend me

Worship leader: Everlasting God, we pray for our country… [here the worship leader can fill in prayers for our country, and/or invite people to speak prayers aloud]

ML: When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up
All: Christ beside me
ML: When I'm busting my ass [or And I'm working so hard] but it's never enough
All: Christ beside me

Worship leader: Loving God we pray for our city/neighborhood…[here the worship leader can fill in prayers for the city or neighborhood, and/or invite people to speak prayers aloud]

ML: When I work hard but someone else gets the reward
All: God's eyes see me
ML: I ask for promotion and they shut the door
All: God's ears hear me

Worship leader: God of compassion, we pray for your people gathered here (or, insert name of church)…[here the worship leader can fill in names of the sick, the departed, etc, and/or invite people to speak prayers aloud]

ML: I rise up today in a strength that is not my own
I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone

ML: When I climb the first steps toward a long held dream
All: Christ above me
ML: And I leap out in faith and I hope to find wings
All: Christ beneath me

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