Prayers of the People: Your Work is Happening Here

Prayers of the People:
Leader: Today as we pray together, I will lead us in two movements – first, thanksgivings for God's work and the godly work of others in our lives; then we'll offer prayers and petitions for God to work in our own lives, in the lives of others, and in our world.

I invite you now to share aloud and thank God for a blessing or a time you've been blessed and encouraged by another's work. After each thanksgiving I will say, "It is God's work," and then we'll all say, "It is beautiful."

Leader [after each thanksgiving]: It is God's work
People: It is beautiful

Leader: I invite you now to share aloud and ask God for where you or another need strength and wisdom and provision in daily life and work. It could be a full prayer or just a phrase, a word, a name, or a place that will allow us to pray with you. After each petition I'll say, "God of Grace" and then we'll all say, "Continue your work among us"

Leader [after each petition]: God of Grace
People: Continue your work among us

Leader: God of the living, we thank you that you set us in families and communities and teams and neighborhoods and groups and circles within circles. We praise you for every gracious effort that has touched our lives, for every good and perfect gift that comes from you. We pray that you would encourage our encouragers as we have been encouraged and comfort our comforters as we have been comforted. And even in the places and situations we know are far from good and perfect, we trust in your redemptive power. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness in every broken and unfinished place, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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