



JANUARY 2024 PRAYER CALENDAR

Thank you for being a prayer warrior for Ezekiel Ministries! We hope this prayer calendar is a visual reminder to cover EZE in prayer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 Pray for EZE admin staff as they execute this year's Mentoring Month Campaign.	02 Pray for Ezekiel Ministries staff as they enter the new year, that they would set mission centered goals for 2024!	03 Pray for students across the city today as they return to school after the holidays.	04 Praise the Lord for a wonderful EZE After-School Christmas party last month!	05 Praise the Lord that we have hired a new Downtown Columbia EZE After-School site director!	06 Praise the Lord for placing Christian adults in the lives of children across the Midlands!
	07 Today is "I Am A Mentor" day! Pray that EZE mentors feel appreciated, and that more local church members decide to become mentors.	08 Pray that God would send us the right people to mentor children from hard places.	09 Thank the Lord for our wonderful volunteers who give of their time to show up for children in the Midlands!	10 Pray that the Lord would send us the right part-time staff for our Downtown After-School site.	11 Pray for middle and high school teens in the Midlands as they start the spring semester!	12 Pray that cities and towns across the Midlands would recognize the importance of mentoring during mentor month.
14 Pray for Radius Church & Grace Church of Columbia, two of our church partners, home to our EZE After-School sites.	15 Keep the EZE Mentoring Team in prayer this week! Pray for the whole team to feel encouraged in their roles.	16 Pray for the EZE Mentoring Team as they work diligently to match children with mentors.	17 Pray for the EZE Mentoring Team as they discern and seek wisdom about matches!	18 Pray that the EZE Mentoring Team would have fruitful and honest communication with parents, students and mentors!	19 Pray for people to feel led to pray, mentor, and give during January, National Mentoring Month.	20 Pray that our generous donors would feel connected to our ministry.
21 Pray for First Presbyterian Church, one of our church partners!	22 Keep the EZE After-School teams in prayer this week! Pray for the whole team to feel encouraged in their roles.	23 Pray for the staff and students at our EZE After-School sites: White Knoll, Lexington, and Downtown.	24 Pray that people would feel called into the mission of mentoring as our teams share about mentoring at churches across the Midlands.	25 Today is "Thank Your Mentor" day! Pray that EZE mentors would feel loved and appreciated for the wonderful work they do!	26 Pray for the success of our new monthly giving program. For every new monthly giver, Ezekiel will receive a \$500 match.	27 Praise God for all of our mentor matches!
28 Pray for Columbia Presbyterian Church, one of our church partners!	29 Keep the EZE Admin team in prayer this week! Pray for the whole team to feel encouraged in their roles.	30 Pray that the Mentor Month Young Professionals event connects them to EZE, and encourages them to learn about and support mentoring in the Midlands.	31 Pray that the Lord continues to shape vision for our youth programs!			

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

2023 PRAYER CALENDAR RECAP

Thank you for being an Ezekiel Ministries prayer warrior! In 2023, we sent a prayer calendar out each month with various ways for you to pray for Ezekiel Ministries' programs, staff, volunteers, students and more.

Thank you for your faithful dedication to praying for EZE! We wanted to share a few of the ways the Lord answered our prayers in 2023.

2023 Year in Review of Answered Prayers

- In January, we set mission-centered goals and successfully executed mentoring month, including a billboard campaign, proclamations in towns and cities, and news stories and articles!
- During Q1, our prayers for mentors to attend new mentor trainings were answered, with mentors from 11 different churches attending the next session.
- Our heartfelt prayers for students' hearts to be opened to the Gospel message were answered as students learned about the Gospel, and we witnessed students actively sharing the Gospel throughout 2023.
- We prayed for meaningful partnerships with school districts, and our prayers were answered as administrators and teachers deepened their engagement with our organization and saw student's lives change.
- In February, we prayed that our students would recognize their divine identity and that they are made in the image of God. Student's also learned about the impact of Black History Month; one of our matches even volunteered at an MLK Day event.
- Our prayers for students to thrive academically were answered, and we celebrated their growth!
- In March, we participated in Midtown Church's Serve The City day, where students in our programs were loved and encouraged by members of the local church. It was an answered prayer to see churches getting involved in the mission of mentoring!
- Our prayers for children to acquire life skills were answered, with several students learning how to ride a bike, make their bed, communicate effectively, and more!
- We hosted our inaugural EZE Church Partnership Lunch, strengthening connections with local churches and community leaders.
- Our EZE After-School sites created a safe and loving place for dozens of children with the help of wonderful staff and volunteers!
- More churches joined us in mentoring kids from hard places.
- We welcomed a mentoring coordinator to the EZE Mentoring Team, whose role is to help potential mentors through the process of being matched with a kid in need of a mentor. We welcomed a Chief of Staff!
- We had another successful Midlands Gives Day in 2023, exceeding our giving goal and even receiving a bonus prize for the number of donations we had!
- The pilot year for EZE NextGen was a success! NextGen has grown from a few youth to dozens who participate in weekly 1-day per week after-school and unique experiences together.
- Our Mentoring team skillfully stewarded numerous mentoring matches, fostering impactful relationships. We had 22 new matches in 2023!
- Narrowing our focus as an organization was a prayer answered, leading to a refined mission statement!
- Kids continued to experience love and encouragement at all our after-school sites, a testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers.
- October saw another successful annual banquet with many new supporters and partners attending!
- Our ongoing prayers for safe and strong mentoring relationships were answered over and over again!
- So many more!