

It is difficult to believe that the intricately decorated foliage of this spectacular plant has not been painted by human hands. The oval foliage features pale and dark green feathered patterns and green or red veins on the surface, while the undersides are dark green or red. To add to its charms, the foliage folds up as if in prayer at night, and unfolds at dawn.



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*Maranta leuconeura*

# PRAYER PLANT



## Light

You can hang or set your prayer plant near a window where it will get indirect sunlight. Never set your plant in direct sunlight as the sun will scorch the plant's leaves, or leaves will develop blotches or patches and fade in color intensity. The plant is generally tolerant of lower light areas. In the winter, when the plants go into dormancy (and sometimes die back completely), give them bright light to maintain growth.

Bright indirect-moderate

## Watering

Keep the potting soil moist from Spring to Fall, and slightly drier in Winter. Do NOT use tap water, this will cause the edges of the leaves to become brown. We recommend filtered, distilled, or rainwater.

## Feeding

Feed every 2 weeks during the growing season with a balanced houseplant fertilizer, such as Espoma Organic Indoor Houseplant Food.

## Planting & Care

Grow with Black Gold® All Purpose soil. Prayer plants like well-aerated soil. Do NOT pack the potting soil tightly around the roots. Repot every year in the spring, in a shallow container, as their roots tend to spread out verses down.

They also benefit from being trimmed back periodically, which keeps them shapely and promotes new growth.



## Flower

They have white flowers but they are grown specifically for the beautiful foliage.

## Size

They get about 2 feet high and wide.

## Temperature

60-75°F

## Humidity

Moderate-high

## Care

Average

## Cultivars

- 'TRICOLOR' - Most common variety.
- 'KERCHOVEANA' - Cream leaves and darker green splotches. It does not have red veins.

