

# MARANTA CARE GUIDE

---



Prayer Plant  
*Maranta leuconeura*

The affectionately named prayer plant, whose leaves are grown in the shape of praying hands. This humidity loving plant comes in many colors and varieties, making it a popular one to collect. Watch it wave at you throughout the day, as the leaves move ever so slightly as they reach for the sunlight.

## WATER

During the growing months, maranta likes to have its soil evenly moist to support the many new leaves it will grow. When growth slows during the winter months, it will need water less frequently. Check the soil weekly, or more often if the humidity in your home is low.

## LIGHT

Maranta has delicate leaves, so its light needs to be indirect. Browning edges and washed-out leaf coloring can be a sign that it is getting too much sun. A sheer curtain can help filter light if needed.

## PLACEMENT AND TEMPERATURE

High humidity is a necessity for the maranta. Place it near a humidifier, mister or on top of a water and pebble tray to help keep it in the moist air it needs to thrive. Obvious signs of low humidity are browning leaf edges and drooping leaves.

## SOIL TYPE

A compost rich, well-draining potting soil.

## FERTILIZER

Only fertilized during the summer time, the most active growing period. Use a diluted, liquid house plant fertilizer.

---

# BOTANY