

# CARE GUIDE

Calathea

## LET'S GET TO KNOW YOU

Colorful and boldly patterned, these drama queens love being pampered. Calatheas will brighten up your space and are unforgettable. Nicknamed Prayer Plants, they raise their leaves up and down with the sun! In the same family, Calatheas and Marantas need the same care, but Marantas will generally be more forgiving!

## LIGHT

Bright and Indirect. A north or east facing window is recommended as direct sunlight will scorch Calathea's delicate leaves. They will tolerate lower light conditions but prefer that indirect spotlight!

## WATER

Calatheas enjoy being consistently and evenly moist at all times, but not soggy. When the first 1-2" of soil dries out, it's time for a drink. Try bottom-watering and watch your Calathea soak all that water up! Any leftover standing water should be discarded to avoid root rot. Calatheas enjoy distilled, spring, or purified water. Using tap water only after it has been left to sit for at least 24 hours will also work.

## FERTILIZER

Feed your Calatheas once a month during their growing season (spring to summer). You can use a wide variety of fertilizers, but we recommend mixing it to half strength. They naturally slow their growth in the dormant season (fall and winter) so no fertilizer is needed then.

## PLACEMENT AND TEMPERATURE

Try to avoid drafty and dry spots, like next to vents or A/C's and heaters. Being native to more tropical and subtropical regions, Calatheas prefer temperatures between 65° and 85°F. Lovers of humid regions, we recommend placing a pebble tray or humidifier below your plant. Misting the leaves will also work with a fine spray mister.

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