## ☆Mahoney's

#### HOUSEPLANT CARE GUIDES

Maranta leuconeura

# **PRAYER PLANT**

### **Ö** Light

Prayer plants thrive in bright, indirect light, mimicking their natural rainforest habitat. While they can tolerate lower light levels, their growth may slow, and their vibrant coloring can fade. Avoid direct sunlight, which can scorch their leaves and dull their patterns.



We recommend fertilizers like Espoma Organic Indoor! Houseplant Food, Jack's Houseplant Special, or Organic Plant Magic. These options provide essential nutrients to keep your plants vibrant and thriving.



Propagate by division or stem cuttings. Pot propagated cuttings in a mixture of moist peat and perlite until roots develop. Prune old growth during dormancy periods in fall or winter to encourage new growth.



### SOIL

For tropical plants we recommend our Rooted Goods All-Purpose Potting Mix, Uncle Mike's Organic Potting Mix, or Espoma's Organic Potting Mix. All three options are great choices for ensuring healthy growth and thriving plants.

### • TEMPERATURE

Prayer plants thrive in warm, stable temperatures that mimic their tropical origins. Ideal temperatures are 65–80°F (18– 27°C) during the day and no lower than 55°F (13°C) at night. Keep them away from drafty windows, doors, air conditioning vents, radiators, and heaters.



Yes, prayer plants are pet-safe and non-toxic to cats and dogs. While not harmful, nibbling on the leaves might cause mild stomach upset since plants aren't part of their regular diet. To keep your plant thriving, consider placing it out of reach of curious paws.



### WATER Praver plants

**REGION OF ORIGIN** 

Native to Brazil

Prayer plants thrive with consistent moisture, but dislike soggy roots. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry, keeping the soil evenly moist without waterlogging. Use roomtemperature water to avoid shocking their roots, and always empty the saucer to prevent root rot.



Keep an eye out for common pests such as spider mites, mealybugs, and aphids. Regularly inspect your plant and promptly treat any infestations with natural or chemical remedies.