

Prayer Plant

Also called rabbit's-foot, rabbit's-tracks, or ten-commandments
(*Maranta species*)

Maranta is grown for its colorful foliage and unusual habit of folding up at night as if in prayer.

Light

Expose to medium (bright indirect) light. Plant tolerates low light. Proper light is the key to good coloration. Morning light (eastern exposure) is ideal.

Water

Allow soil surface to dry out between thorough waterings. Mist daily. Raise humidity.

Temperature

Maintain high temperatures (in the 80s during the day) for best growth. Tolerates average temperatures.

Comments

Plant in soil with lots of organic matter. Feed every 14 days with mild solution during active growth. Plant may go dormant in fall or winter. Remove old growth after this time. Because some prayer plants have tuberous roots, propagation method varies by variety. Propagate by tip cuttings, air layering, division, or seed.