

Calathea sp.

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Common Names: Prayer Plant, Peacock Plant, Zebra Plant, Rattlesnake Plant, Cathedral Plant, Pin Stripe Plant, Cuban Cigar Plant, Cathedral Windows, Rose-painted Plant.

Family: Marantaceae

Origin: Northwest Brazil

Growth: Clumping

Light: Bright, indirect

Foot Candles: 100 - 200

Water: Keep moist

Humidity: 60%+

Temperature: 16°C - 32°C

Soil: Regular potting soil

Container: Self-watering planter, living wall

Nutrients: Not required

Propagation: Division

Interiorscape Use: Adds colour and interest easily

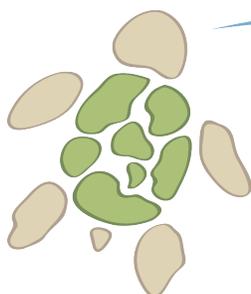


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot if sitting in water. Leaves crisp in direct sun or drafts.

Comments: Named prayer plant because at night the plant will fold its leaves upwards in a 'praying' motion to conserve moisture. Some species have reddish colours under their leaves, adding to the show of colours. This red is the help the plant trap sunlight, as they naturally grow in the understory of a forest.

Toxicity: Safe.



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