



MARANTA CARE

LIGHT

Prayer plants (*Maranta leuconeura*), including red-veined and Lemon Lime varieties, prefer bright, indirect light. Shield leaves from strong direct sun, which can fade the patterns or scorch foliage. Their leaves naturally lift and fold at night; this movement is normal.

WATERING

Keep the mix evenly moist during active growth, without leaving it soggy. Water thoroughly and empty the saucer. In winter, allow the top inch to dry before watering again. Use room-temperature rainwater or purified water if mineral-rich tap water causes brown leaf edges.

SOIL

Use a loose, well-drained houseplant mix that retains some moisture. A pot with drainage holes prevents water from collecting around the roots. Repot in spring when crowded, moving up only one size. Marantas spread naturally and also suit hanging containers.

TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Keep plants warm and stable, ideally around 65–75°F, and always above 55°F. Avoid cold drafts and heating vents. Aim for humidity above 50% using a humidifier when needed. Misting alone rarely provides lasting humidity in a dry winter room.

FERTILIZING

Feed lightly with a balanced liquid houseplant fertilizer during spring and summer, following label directions. Reduce feeding as growth slows in winter. Excess fertilizer salts can contribute to brown leaf tips, so avoid overfeeding or applying fertilizer to dry soil.

PESTS

Inspect leaf undersides for mites and mealybugs; isolate infested plants promptly. Curling leaves and crisp edges can indicate dry roots or low humidity. Yellowing with wet soil may signal poor drainage. Remove damaged foliage with clean scissors and correct the underlying conditions.