



Create a Fairy Mary Garden



**MUSEUM OF
FAMILY PRAYER**

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

The Mary Garden contest is brought to you by The Museum of Family Prayer, which offers a unique, interactive experience of prayer using digital media for the entire family to experience together. When we reopen, join us to explore more about prayer and check out our Mary Garden ... our work in progress. Then tour the museum and find out about our current programs. The museum offers a lively, collective involvement allowing those who visit to touch, listen and watch, reflect and pray. Your family will be treated to a new, different, fun, faith-filled experience.

Remember what our founder, Venerable Patrick Peyton always said, "The family that prays together stays together."

For more information on the contest: MuseumOfFamilyPrayer.org

A LITTLE HISTORY

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. began his ministry in 1942 with the goal of building **family unity** through daily prayer of the Rosary. Inspired by his own father who had a deep devotion to family prayer, praying the Rosary became the foundation for the life of Father Peyton (1909-92).

We at Family Rosary are ever so grateful Father Peyton's family instilled in him the importance of **family prayer**. Now it can be part of your family's tradition so you can fulfill the vision that "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together," the message created by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., so many years ago.



“ MARY, MY QUEEN, MY MOTHER. ”

VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON

CREATE A FAIRY MARY GARDEN

HONOR MARY WITH A GARDEN

I've had a Mary Garden in my backyard for several years now. I have a stone statue of Mary that I love, and our family has enjoyed experimenting with planting different types of flowers around her over the years. She stands there, looking so strong and gentle, watching over my children as they run and play. While I love gardening on a larger scale, I have to admit that I share a fascination with fairy gardens along with my children. The tiny little figures and accessories can't help but draw me in to their fanciful miniature garden world.

This year, we decided to create our own fairy garden, Catholic style. We spray painted an old metal tub a sunny yellow and added some pretty, low maintenance succulents. Depending on where you live, an outing to an outdoor garden center with a few of your kids might be a way for you to get out of the house safely for awhile. My daughters loved choosing their own plants for the project. We then had fun adding fairy houses, figures, and furniture, much of which I purchased at our local dollar store. More expensive fairy garden accessories can be found at garden centers, but my kids are just as happy with the dollar store finds, and I won't be out much money when they inevitably lose the little pieces! I ordered a plastic miniature figure of Mary online to place in the garden.

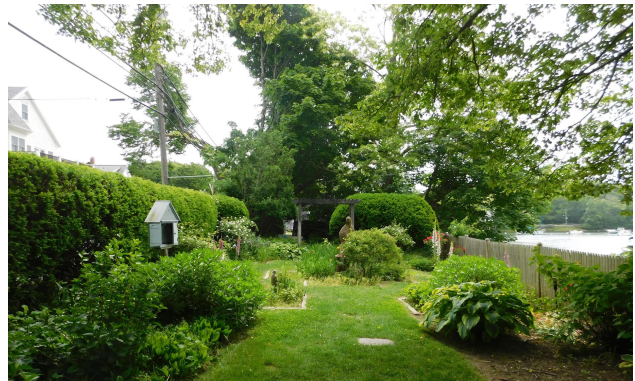
This provided a good opportunity to remind my kids of what is imaginary and what is real. You could even get creative with building a small grotto for your tiny Mary. Our Fairy Mary Garden is meant to be played with. We have it in a "children's garden" area near our play set and sand box. My kids can rearrange the figures, houses, and tiny stepping stones to their hearts' content, all while getting some fresh air and sunshine and with the visual reminder that Mary our mother is always watching over us.



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Mary Gardens are places of beauty and peace. Made up of many flowers and plants that are associated with our Blessed Mother and various aspects of her life. These traditions go back to the Middle Ages when religious devotion permeated almost every aspect of life. Some flowers are Marian simply by virtue of their names, Marigold and Morning Glory. Others feature legends about Jesus and Mary, flowers such as Snapdragon and Tulip. All forms of art, including gardens, were one way to teach the Gospel stories during a time when books and reading were not widespread. Mary Gardens may be lavish outdoor spaces, small simple gardens or even indoor potted plants. A Mary Garden usually contains a statue or image of Mary.



CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

Want to learn more about Mary or explain to someone you know Mary's role in your faith?

Catholic Central, a free video web series that talks about the big Catholic topics, has an episode all about Mary! There you'll learn that she's venerated, not worshiped; asked to pray for us; and makes occasional appearances to the faithful to achieve her one mission ... bringing people closer to her Son.



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BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN PRAYER

We hope the time you've spent reflecting with this material has been enriching. Remember, we're with you in prayer, every step of the way!

For additional online resources for family prayer including a Prayer Petition Page and our World at Prayer Blog, please visit our website at www.FamilyRosary.org.

This e-book and all our resources represent a culmination of Father Peyton's passion for family unity through prayer. We hope our services will enhance your family's prayer life particularly remembering Father Peyton's famous words, "*The Family That Prays Together Stays Together.*"

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