

Assumption Lilies for Mary's Garden



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



HONOR MARY WITH A GARDEN

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 commemorates her death and bodily assumption into eternal life. This took place before her physical body could begin to decay. But did you know that Mary's tomb was not found empty? In 451 A.D. it was noted by St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon that the apostle, St. Thomas, was said to have found beautiful roses and lilies where her body once lay. There are several white daylilies that bloom near this date, and together are known as Assumption Lilies. The late summer blooming varieties to add to your Marian garden are:

Hemerocallis 'Serene Madonna' Hemerocallis 'Heavenly White Lightening' Hemerocallis 'Jolly White Giant' Hemerocallis 'Lady Elizabeth'

Daylilies are one of the easiest plants to grow and maintain, and will grow in most soils, though they prefer those high in organic matter. These are sturdy perennials and adapt to most any garden. They tolerate a wide range of soil and light conditions, establish themselves quickly, and survive harsh winters. For more information on how to grow these lovely plants, visit the University of Minnesota web site. The name Hemerocallis is composed of two Greek words, hemera meaning day and kallos meaning beauty. The name is appropriate since each flower lasts only one day, though some of the newer cultivars can last 24 hours—opening in the evening. Each stalk of flowers contains multiple buds developing throughout their specific bloom period. They are not a true lily from the genus Lileaceae, which are the single-stemmed Oriental and Asiatic lilies. This holy feast day is also associated with celebrating the summer's harvest. The Roman Ritual includes the Assumption Day Blessing of Produce, of fields, gardens, and orchards. It is a beautiful prayer ritual; the whole of it can be found in A Catholic Gardener's Spiritual Almanac. There is also a wonderful tradition on this day of giving baskets of fruits and herbs to friends. In this way we can imitate Mother Mary by bringing comfort to others.

For more fun gardening insights for your liturgical gardens, read A Catholic Gardener's Spiritual Almanac, available from Ave Maria Press.

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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."

