

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE - VIGIL

When was the last time you were in a garden? Perhaps you have one near your home?

On this day in Holy Week, Jesus ended his journey in a garden much like the one you're thinking of. He sought this garden because it was a quiet place, and a good place for prayer. The things he wanted to pray about were heavy things, and he invited his closest friends to join him, because he didn't want to pray alone.

The garden Jesus went to was called Gethsemane. Jesus went there to pray about death; his own painful death on a cross. Jesus went to Gethsemane at night and asked his friends to stay awake and watch(pray) with him. Understandably they were tired and fell asleep, leaving Jesus to pray alone!

Today we can make our own indoor 'garden of gethsemane' as a household, and join other households at our church in praying with Jesus! Some may pray about their death, or pray for our neighbors, relatives and friends. These days our nation is facing some heavy and serious things, let's join Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane and pray with him.

Stained Glass 'Garden of Gethsemane' in 5 Steps

1. **Gather Materials!** If you are making...

Option A (simple): A Tissue PAPER GARDEN → **Colored tissue paper, scissors, tape/adhesive** (mod-Podge or some clear glue) (or use **contact paper**), **wax paper/Plastic Wrap**

Option B (simple): A Flower Petal/leaf GARDEN → **Flower Petals, Leaves, flat bugs/nature items, Contact Paper**

Option C (NOT simple): A Painted/drawn Garden → **PAINTS/sharpies/food coloring, Glass/transparent surface, way to adhere or hang**

Other Alternative materials you could use if you don't have Plastic Wrap or Contact Paper – Clear Binder/Report Covers, Photo paper, Glass from Picture Frame, Thin Things like Paper Towel or Coffee Filters

2. Choose a Window PANE or section of a window to make into your garden, **Clean this space & Cut out Your TRANSPARENT Material** (contact paper, plastic wrap, binder cover etc.) **TO FIT THIS SPACE**
3. **Protect your work surface** and create your garden scene by...
Cutting Tissue Paper and adhering to transparent surface

Painting/drawing on transparent surface (sharpie on Binder Cover, Food Coloring + Glue on GLASS, Acrylic Spray /glue+ Acrylic Paint ON GLASS etc.)

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LEAVE A BORDER TO ADHERE TO WINDOW LATER

DRAW GARDEN SCENE ON Paper

PUT UNDERNEATH TRANSPARENT SURFACE TO TRACE

IF using acrylics, spray glass with clear acrylic spray first. It gives the paint/glue something to adhere to.

To get thick stained glass effect using acrylics, add some black paint to white glue (+STIR), it will dry thick & stained glass-like. 1tbsp GLUE to 2 drops paint

4. ALLOW GARDEN TO DRY (if using paints), YOU can use this to time to clean up
5. Hang/Adhere Garden Scene to window. Contact paper can stick to window directly (**border**). Otherwise use tape, hang, or lean against window.

Choose a time to 'watch with Jesus' and pray for your neighbors, family and friends. Ask them if there are particular things you can pray about, or pray for particular vulnerable populations (elderly, those with weaker immune systems, those in poverty, those already sick, those that are hungry).