

Sphere + Sundry

Rose of Jericho

This resurrection fern is a member of the spike moss family. It curls into a tight ball when dry — the state in which it is arriving, but upon the root system being immersed in water it “blooms”, sometimes turning an emerald green.

These air plants are used standalone for protection and renewal, and are often aligned with the Christian mysteries of resurrection. They apply to Asclepius equally as well!

To open, get a shallow bowl and fill with enough water to cover the root system. Set the plant rootside down so the leaves can unfurl, saying a prayer to the spirit of the plant of power you are working with. To bloom faster, water can be poured over the top of the plant.

Over the next few hours, it will absorb the water and flower, releasing a lovely scent. You can leave the Rose for up to 12 hours, but make sure to remove it from the water and put it in a place where it can completely dry between uses, or it will start to mold. The plant can be “reborn” many times with the proper care.

Put Asclepius or other talismans inside the open Rose. As it dries, the talisman itself will rest, nestled inside. Unfurling the Rose again releases and activates the talisman’s energy, empowering it for stronger action. Keep on the bedside, altars, or wherever else you feel called.

If you are using the plant as a component of the Triple Purification Ritual on an individual (yourself or another) it is best to take the Rose of Jericho and place it on the bedside or underneath the bed where the person is laying that following night, or over their photo. If you are using it to purify a space, leave the Rose close to the center of the room or on an altar.

You can also use the Jericho standalone to provide psychic protection and inspiration, set beside or beneath a bed, on an office desk, or wherever you need it. Share space with a flowering Rose of Jericho to help combat writers block or to refresh a sad heart, tired soul or weary mind. Its influence is subtle, but uplifting, clarifying, healing, and refreshing.

Some of the raw Jericho water can be added to floor washes and cleaning solutions, and used to wipe down doorways, hearths, and beds for the protection and blessing of a household or business.