



## Christmas Poinsettia Dedications December 2022

### Meaning and Symbolism of Poinsettias

Also known as the Christmas Star and Christmas Flower, it's said that this winter flower's association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend. The story goes that a child, with no means for a grander gift, gathered humble weeds from the side of the road to place at the church altar on Christmas Eve. As the congregation witnessed a Christmas miracle, the weeds turned into brilliant red and green flowers.

Named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first United States ambassador to Mexico and the amateur botanist who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825, the poinsettia is also known as Mexican Flame Leaf, Winter Rose, Noche Buena and, in Turkey, Atakurk's Flower, because it was the favorite flower of Atakurk, the founder of modern Turkey.

While considered by the ancient Aztecs to be symbols of purity, in today's language of flowers, red, white or pink poinsettias, the December birth flower, symbolize good cheer and success and are said to bring wishes of mirth and celebration.



## My Dedications



I wish to purchase poinsettias to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas Eve.

Number of poinsettias I will purchase for \$10.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of (name/s of person/s):

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In Honor of (name/s of person/s):

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My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail a check or drop in offering plate for plants purchased and **submit this form no later than December 21, 2022.**

You may pick up your plant after worship on Christmas Eve or on Monday, the 26th. You may also donate your plant for us to bring to people at Providence House or St. Matthew's House.