

Language of Flowers

Sending flowers must be one of the most special ways to brighten up someone's day. It's made extra special if the flower meanings send a message, too. There is more to just giving or receiving flowers, as every flower lover knows but even the experts can't agree on the real meaning of many flowers. Here are a few of the more traditional ones.

A

Acacia	Acacia	Beauty in retirement; Friendship; Concealed love: Chaste love
Aconite	Aconitum	Beware, a deadly foe is near
Allium		Unity; Humility; Patience
Alstroemeria		Wealth; Prosperity; Fortune
Ambrosia		Your love is reciprocated
Amaryllis	Hippeastrum	Pride; Splendid Beauty; Timidity
Anemone		Forsaken; Expectations
Aster	Callistephus	Symbol of love; Daintiness; Afterthought
Azalea		

B

Baby's Breath	Gypsophila	Pure of heart; Innocence
Bachelor's Button	Centaurea Cyanus	Hope in love; Felicity; Delicacy; Single blessedness
Begonia	Begonia	Beware
Bells of Ireland	Molucella Laevis	Good luck
Bluebell	Scilla Nutans	Humility; Everlasting love
Bouvardia		Enthusiasm
Buttercup		Childishness

C

Cactus		Endurance
Caladium		Great joy and delight
Camellia		Gratitude; Perfection
Camellia (blue)		You're a flame in my heart
Camellia (pink)		Longing for you
Camellia (white)		You're adorable; Perfected loveliness
Camellia (red)		Unpretending excellence
Carnation	Dianthus Caryophyllus	Fascination; Womanly love; Devoted love
Carnation (Red)	Dianthus Caryophyllus	My heart aches for you; Admiration
Carnation (Pink)	Dianthus Caryophyllus	I'll never forget you; Woman's love
Carnation (Purple)	Dianthus Caryophyllus	Capriciousness
Carnation (Striped)	Dianthus Caryophyllus	Sorry I can't be with you; No; Refusal; Wish I could be with you
Carnation (White)	Dianthus Caryophyllus	Innocence; Sweet and lovely; Pure love; Woman's good luck gift; You're adorable
Carnation (Yellow)	Dianthus Caryophyllus	Rejection; You have disappointed me
Chrysanthemum	Dendranthema	Cheerfulness; You're a wonderful friend; Rest; Loveliness; Abundance; Wealth
Chrysanthemum (Red)	Dendranthema	I love
Chrysanthemum (Yellow)	Dendranthema	Slighted love
Chrysanthemum (White)	Dendranthema	Truth
Crocus		Youthful gladness; Cheerfulness
Cyclamen	Cyclamen	Resignation; Goodbye

D

Daffodil		You're the only one; Regard; Unrequited love; The sun shines when I'm with you
Dahlia	Dahlia	Dignity; Elegance; Good taste; Instability
Daisy		Innocence; Loyal love; I'll never tell; Purity; Gentleness; Romance
Delphinium		Flight of fancy; Ardent attachment

F

Fern		Secret bond of love; Fascination; Sincerity; Magic
Fleur De Lis		Flame; Burning
Forget-Me-Not	Myosotis	Faithful love; Undying hope; Memories; Do not forget; True love
Forsythia		Good nature; Innocence; Anticipation
Freesia		Innocence; Trust; Friendship

G

Galax		Encouragement
Gardenia		Purity; Sweet love; You're lovely; Secret love; Refinement
Geranium	Hardy Cranesbill	Folly; Stupidity
Gladiolus		Strength of character; Sincerity; Generosity; Natural grace
Gloxinia		Love at first sight
Grass		Submission

H

Heather (Lavender)	Erica	Admiration; Solitude
Heather (White)		Protection; Wishes will come true
Hibiscus		Delicate beauty
Holly		Foresight; Domestic happiness; Defense
Hyacinth	Hyacinthus	Games; Sports; Rashness
Hyacinth (Blue)	Hyacinthus	Constancy
Hyacinth (Purple)	Hyacinthus	Please forgive me; Sorrow
Hyacinth (Red / Pink)	Hyacinthus	Play
Hyacinth (White)	Hyacinthus	Loveliness; I'll pray for you
Hyacinth (Yellow)	Hyacinthus	Jealousy
Hydrangea	Hydrangea	Thank-you for understanding; Frigidity; Heartlessness

I

Iris	Iris	Faith; Wisdom; Valor; Promise; My compliments; Hope; Message
Ivy		Wedded love; Fidelity; Friendship; Affection

J

Jonquil	Narcissus	Affection returned; Sympathy; Desire; Love me
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Lilac (Purple)	Syringa	First emotion of love
Lilac (White)	Syringa	Youthful innocence; Purity; Modesty; Virginity; Majesty
Lily (Calla)	Zantedeschia	Beauty
Lily (Day)	Hemerocallis	Coquetry
Lily (Eucharis)		Maiden charms

L continued

Lily (Tiger)		Wealth; Pride; Prosperity
Lily of the Valley		Sweetness; Humility; Return of happiness
Longi Lily	Lilium Longiflorum	Pure; Modest

M

Magnolia		Love of nature; Nobility; Dignity
Marigold	Tagetes	Grief; Cruelty; Jealousy; Sacred affection; Despair
Mimosa, Bloom	Acacia	Concealed love; Sensitivity
Monkshood	Aconitum	Chivalry; Beware; A deadly foe is near
Moss		Maternal love; Charity
Myrtle	Vinca	Duty; Affection; Home; Love; Discipline; Instruction

N

Narcissus		Stay as sweet as you are; Egotism; Formality
Nasturtium	Tropaeolum	Patriotism; Conquest; Victory in battle

O

Oleander		Caution; Beauty; Grace
Orange Blossom		Purity; Innocence; Eternal love; Marriage; Fruitfulness; Loveliness
Orchid		Love; Beauty; Refinement; Beautiful lady; Flower of magnificence
Orchid (Cattleya)		Mature charm

P

Palm Leaves		Victory; Success
Pansy	Viola	Thoughtful reflection; Merriment
Peony		Bashfulness; Happy marriage; Prosperity
Petunia	Petunia Hybrida	Resentment; Anger; Your presence soothes me
Phlox	Phlox	Our souls are united
Pine		Hope; Pity
Poinsettia		Be of good cheer
Poppy	Papaver	Eternal sleep; Imagination; Oblivion
Poppy (Red)	Papaver	Pleasure
Poppy (White)	Papaver	Consolation
Poppy (Yellow)	Papaver	Wealth; Success
Primrose	Primula	I can't live without you
Primrose (Evening)	Lamarckiana	Inconstancy

Q

Queen Anne's Lace	Ammi Majus	Haven
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R

Ranunculus		Radiant; Charming
Rose (Red)		Love; I love you; Respect; Courage
Rose (Pink)		Perfect happiness; Gentility; Grace; Please believe me
Rose (Deep Pink)		Thank you
Rose (Light Pink)		Admiration
Rose (Yellow)		Friendship; Joy and happiness; Jealousy; Trying to care; Gladness
Rose (White)		Innocence; Purity; Heavenly; Secrecy; Silence; Charm
Rose (Peach / Coral)		Enthusiasm; Desire
Rose (Orange)		Enthusiasm; Desire
Roses (Red & White)		Unity

R

Rose (Single Red)		Simplicity; I love you
Rose (Long Stemmed)		I will remember you always
Rose (Short Stemmed)		Sweetheart; Girlhood
Roses (Assorted Colors)		You're everything to me
Roses (Mature Blooms)		Gratitude
Roses (Single Full Bloom)		I love you; I still love you
Rosebud		Beauty; Youth; A heart innocent of love
Rosebud (Red)		Pure; Lovely
Rosebud (White)		Girlhood

S

Snapdragon	Antirrhinum	Gracious lady; Deception; Presumption
Spider Flower		Elope with me
Statice		Sympathy; Remembrance
Stephanotis		Happiness in marriage; Desire to travel; Come to me
Stock	Matthiola	Lasting beauty; Bonds of affection; Promptness; You'll always be beautiful to me
Sunflower	Helianthus	Adoration; Pride; Sunshine
Sweet Pea	Lathyrus	Delicate pleasures; Goodbye; Blissful pleasure; Departure; Thank you for a lovely time
Sweet William	Dianthus Barbatus	Grant me one smile; Gallantry

T

Tulip	Tulipa	Perfect lover; Fame; Love; Passion
Tulip (Red)	Tulipa	Believe me; Declaration of love
Tulip (Yellow)	Tulipa	There is sunshine in your smile; Hopeless love
Tulip (Variegated)	Tulipa	Beautiful eyes

V

Verbena		Will you get your wish?
Veronica		Fidelity
Violet	Viola	Modesty; Faithfulness; Virtue
Violet (Blue)	Viola	I'll always be true; Watchfulness
Violet (White)	Viola	Let's take a chance on happiness
Viscaria		Will you dance with me?

W

Wallflower	Erysimum	Fidelity in adversity
Water Lily		Purity of heart
Wisteria	Sinensis	Welcome

X

Xeranthemum		Eternity; Immortality
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Yarrow		Healing
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Z

Zinnia	Zinnia	Thoughts of absent friends
Zinnia (Magenta)	Zinnia	Lasting affection
Zinnia (Scarlet)	Zinnia	Constancy
Zinnia (White)	Zinnia	Goodness
Zinnia (Yellow)	Zinnia	Daily remembrance
Zinnia (Mixed)	Zinnia	Thinking / In memory of an absent friend