Flower meanings chart

Forty flowers, with the Victorian flower-language meaning and, where a source gives one, the common modern meaning. A dash means we found no modern meaning in the sources.

Flower	Victorian flower language	Common modern meaning
Amaryllis	Pride	—
Anemone	Forsaken	—
Aster	Symbol of love, Daintiness	Love, wisdom, patience and beauty, as well as faith, friendship and purity.
Baby's breath	Everlasting Love	—
Bachelor's button	Single blessedness	—
Begonia	Beware	—
Black-eyed Susan	Justice	—
Bluebell	Humility	—
Calla lily	Beauty	—
Camellia	Longing for you	—
Carnation	Fascination, Female love, Mother’s love	Pink means affection, striped means regret, white means innocence.
Chrysanthemum	I love you	Loyalty, friendship and joy.
Clematis	Mental beauty	—
Columbine	Foolishness, Folly	—
Coreopsis	Always cheerful	—
Crocus	Cheerfulness, Youthful gladness	—
Cyclamen	Resignation, Diffidence, Goodbye	—
Daffodil	Regard, Unequalled love	Rebirth, new beginnings, hope, inspiration, prosperity, forgiveness or creativity.
Dahlia	Good taste	Loyalty and commitment.
Daisy	Innocence, Loyal love, I’ll never tell	Innocence, purity, new beginnings or true love.
Edelweiss	Courage, Devotion	—
Forget-me-not	True love memories, Do not forget me	—
Gladiolus	Flower of the Gladiators, Integrity, Strength, Victory	Strength, victory, honor, love, integrity, remembrance, faithfulness or sincerity.
Holly	Defense, Domestic happiness	Love, hope, peace, goodwill or thinking about the future.
Honeysuckle	Bonds of love	Happiness, devotion, nostalgia or affection.
Hyacinth	Sport, Game, Play	—
Iris	Faith, trust, Wisdom, Hope, Valor	Hope and faith.
Jasmine	Sweet love, Amiability	—

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Larkspur	Open heart, Levity, Lightness, Fickleness (pink or simple varieties).	Positivity, lightheartedness, dedication or protection.
Lily	Virginity, Purity, Heavenly	—
Lily of the valley	Sweetness, Tears of the Virgin Mary, Humility	Sweetness, purity, humility or the return of happiness.
Marigold	Grief, Jealousy	Joy, remembrance or grief in the language of flowers.
Morning glory	Affection	Affection and love.
Narcissus (paperwhite)	In Victorian times, the gift of a narcissus meant you were “the only one.”	Purity, innocence, hope, rebirth or new beginnings.
Peony	Bashful, Happy life, Shame	A happy life and marriage.
Poppy	Consolation	Remembrance and comfort, as well as sleep, peace, death and resurrection.
Rose	Love, I love you	Love, beauty and affection.
Sweet pea	Blissful pleasures, Goodbye, Thank you for a lovely time	Delicate pleasures, good wishes, gratitude, friendship or farewell.
Tulip	Passion, Declaration of love	—
Violet	Watchfulness, Modesty, Faithfulness	Modesty, humility, loyalty or faithfulness.

Flower meanings are tradition, not fact. Sources disagree, so each meaning here is labelled with where it comes from.

Last checked 2026-11-25. Facts come from the sources below; where sources disagree the chart says so.

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