

## The Symbolism of Flowers

Allium	Patience, good fortune, prosperity, unity
Alstroemeria	Devotion and friendship as well as showing achievement of aspirations.
Amaryllis	Hard won success, particularly in artistic endeavours.
Anemone	Forsaken, sickness, anticipation, undying love, eternal peace
Aster	Named after the Greek word for star, the September birth flower stands for wisdom, faith, love and valour.
Bells of Ireland / Moluccella Laevis	Native to Turkey, not Ireland as the name would suggest, Bells of Ireland are a symbol good luck.
Bouvardia	Enthusiasm
Calla Lily / Zantedeschia	From the Greek word <i>kallos</i> , which means beauty, these blooms have two meanings: one as a sign of purity and magnificent beauty, and the other as a symbol of rebirth or resurrection.
Carnation / Dianthus	Generally representing love and affection, these days different colours hold different meanings person. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red - affection</li> <li>• Pink - never forgetting/thank you</li> <li>• Yellow - disappointment/rejection</li> <li>• White - purity and good luck.</li> </ul>
Chrysanthemum	Chrysanthemums represent good energy, positivity, fidelity, happiness and longevity,
Cosmos	Oder, peacefulness
Daffodil / Narcissus	Regarded by many as the key symbol of spring, daffodils stand for new life and new beginnings. They also mean truth and honesty but avoid giving just one stem as this gesture suggests trouble ahead.
Dahlia	Strength creativity, wealth, grandeur
Delphinium	Boldness, positivity, light-heartedness
Freesia	Innocence, honesty and purity They can also symbolise trust.
Gladiolus	From the Latin gladius, meaning sword, Gladiolus Symbolise strength, victory, faithfulness and power.
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)	Freedom, fun, innocence, purity
Hydrangea	Thank you for understanding and other deeper heartfelt emotions.
Hypericum	Hypericum is often referred to as St John's Wort due to its medicinal purposes, as such it is thought to provide special protection.
Iris	Positive feelings, teaching us to look forward to new chances and new beginnings.
Lilac	Taken from the Greek story of Syrinx and Pan, the pretty purple flowers symbolize first love.
Lisianthus / Eustoma	Appreciation, admiration, friendliness, sweetness, respect
Lily	Lilies most commonly mean devotion or purity, though meaning can vary by type of lily, culture, and colour. In China, lilies are used in weddings because they are tied to 100 years of love.

Oak Leaf	Strength
Olive	Peace
Orchid	The name comes from the Greek word <i>orkhis</i> , which means testicle! So, fittingly, they symbolize fertility and virility. Also love, beauty and wisdom.
Protea	Courage, transformation, daring, resourcefulness, diversity
Roses	Roses are most commonly associated with love and romance, but specific colours hold specific meanings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red - Love, Respect, Courage &amp; Passion</li> <li>• Pink - Happiness, gracefulness, gratitude and gentleness</li> <li>• White - Purity, innocence, new beginnings and sympathy</li> <li>• Orange - Enthusiasm, desire and fascination.</li> <li>• Lavender - Love at first sight</li> <li>• Yellow - Joy, gladness, friendship</li> </ul>
Rosemary	Remembrance
Sage	Health, wisdom, respect
Scabiosa	Unfortunate attachment, I have lost all
Snapdragon / Antirrhinum	Gracious, fascinating, protection from evil
Solidaster / Solidago	Growth, encouragement, caution, good luck and good fortune.
Stative	Remembrance
Stock / Matthiola	Lasting beauty, a happy life, bonds of affection and promptness .
Sunflowers	Family, love, good luck and ambition.
Sweet Pea	Bliss, pleasure and Farewell
Tulip	From the Persian legend of Farhad and Shirin. Tulips generally symbolise eternal love and devotion, but specific colours have specific meanings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red - passion</li> <li>• Pink - good wishes and celebration</li> <li>• Yellow - friendship and sunshine</li> <li>• Purple - rebirth, spring nobility</li> <li>• White - forgiveness, remembrance, sincerity</li> <li>• Orange - understanding, truth, appreciation</li> <li>• Black - power, strength, elegance</li> </ul>
Yarrow	Healing, Inspiration