

## The Language of Flowers

Flowers have a language all their own, a symbolism that started off as a way to send a message and still remains a sentimental practice by all those who send flowers with a deeper meaning attached. Since you're going to be looking at all kinds of flowers for your wedding, I thought I'd share some of the top blooms and their own particular messages.

The entries that follow are from the book "Le Language des Fleurs," written by Louise Cortambert, also known as Madame Charlotte de la Tour, in 1819, and were also featured in a nineteenth-century children's book by Kate Greenaway. You'll see many different variations on these floral meanings if you look on the Internet as well, since legend tends to change over time.

Take a look and see why you shouldn't have yellow carnations at your wedding ;)

### A

Acacia (Pink or Rose): Elegance  
Acacia (White): Friendship; Ours is a chaste love  
Acacia (Yellow): Secret or concealed love  
Almond (Flowering): I continue to hope  
Allspice: My heart feels compassion  
Amaranth (Globe): My love for you is undying  
Amaranth (Cockscomb): With affection  
Amaryllis: To a splendid beauty; With pride  
Ambrosia: I love you as you love me  
Amethyst: Admiration; my love for you is undying  
Angelica: You are my inspiration  
Apple: Give in to temptation; let me tempt you  
Apple Blossom: I prefer you  
Arum: Ardour  
Azalea: Temperance  
Azalea (Indian): True to the end

### B

Baby's Breath: Ours is an everlasting love  
Bachelor's Buttons: Single blessedness  
Balsam: Impatience; My love for you can't wait  
Basil (Sweet): Best wishes  
Bell Flower (Pyramidal): My love for you is constant  
Bell Flower (Small white): With gratitude  
Bluebell: My love for you is constant  
Bridal Rose: Ours will be a happy love  
Buttercup: Childishness

## C

Cactus: Warmth; Our love shall endure  
Calla: Magnificent beauty  
Camellia: You have perfected loveliness  
Carnation: Pride and beauty  
Carnation (Deep red): Alas, my heart breaks; my heart aches  
Carnation (Pink): I will remember you  
Carnation (Striped): I am sorry, I must say no  
Carnation (Yellow): You disappoint me  
Cedar Leaf: I live for you  
Celandine: Many joys to come  
Chickweed: Will you meet me? Let's rendezvous  
Chrysanthemum (Chinese): Cheerful despite the setbacks  
Chrysanthemum (Red): I love  
Chrysanthemum (White): I tell the truth  
Chrysanthemum (Yellow): I feel slighted  
Clover (Four Leaved): Be mine  
Clover (Purple): Providence  
Clover (White): Think of me  
Coriander: Hidden value  
Cowslip (American): You are a divine beauty

## D

Daffodil: I send my regards  
Daisy: Innocence  
Daisy (Garden): I share your sentiments  
Day Lily (Yellow): Coquetry  
Dogwood: Durability; Our love will endure adversity

## F

Fennel: Worthy of praise  
Fern: Sincerity  
Flower-of-an-Hour: You have a delicate beauty  
Forget Me Not: Don't forget me; true love

## G

Gardenia: My love for you is secret; my love for you has not been expressed  
Geranium: Comfort  
Geranium (Ivy): Bridal flavour  
Geranium (Oak Leaved): Our friendship is true  
Gorse (or Furze): Our friendship is enduring

## H

Hazelnut (or filbert): I would like to reconcile  
Heliotrope: I am devoted to you only; faithful  
Hibiscus: You have a delicate beauty  
Honey Flower: We have a sweet and secret love  
Honeysuckle: My affection for you is boundless; bonds of love

## I

Iris: A message for you  
Iris (Yellow): My love is passionate  
Ivy: Wedded love and fidelity

## J

Jasmine: You are cheerful and graceful  
Jonquil: Desire; Please return my affection  
Juniper: I will protect you

## L

Laurel: Glory  
Lemon Blossoms: Fidelity; A true and faithful love  
Lilac (Purple): I feel the first emotions of love  
Lilac (White): Youthful innocence; modest and pure emotions  
Lily (Arum): Ardour  
Lily (Water): Silence; Purity of heart  
Lily (White): You are sweet; you are pure  
Lily of the Valley: Let's forgive and be happy again  
Liverwort: Confidence  
Locust Tree: Elegance  
Lotus Flower: I love you still; estranged love

## M

Marjoram: Blushes  
Mimosa: You show exceptional sensitivity  
Mistletoe: I surmount difficulties  
Myrtle: My heartfelt love; with joy

## N

Nosegay: You are gallant

## O

Olive: Peace  
Orange Blossoms: Your loveliness equals your purity

Orange Flowers: Bridal festivities  
Orchid: Love; you are beautiful; you possess a refined beauty

## P

Pansy: You occupy my thoughts; good thoughts for you  
Pea (Sweet): I am sorry, I must leave  
Peach Blossom: I am yours; you hold me captive  
Pear: With affection  
Periwinkle (Blue): First stages of friendship  
Periwinkle (White): Pleasures of memory  
Peruvian Heliotrope: I am devoted to you  
Petunia: Don't despair  
Pineapple: Welcome; You are perfection  
Pink (Double Red): My love is pure and strong  
Plum Tree: Fidelity; Promises to keep

## R

Rose: Love  
Rose (Austrian): Lovely; You are everything that is lovely  
Rose (Bridal): Ours will be a happy love  
Rose (China): Your beauty is always new  
Rose (Lavender): Our love is pure  
Rose (Pink): To my friend  
Rose (Red): I love you; passionate love  
Rose (Red Leaved): Wishes for prosperity  
Rose (Red and White): Unity  
Rosebud (Red): You are young and lovely  
Rosemary: In remembrance

## S

Sage: We have a wonderful family; household  
Sorrel: With affection  
Spanish Jasmine: I think you are very sexy; sensual  
Spearmint: With warm feelings  
Speedwell: I remain faithful; female fidelity  
Sunflower (Dwarf): I adore you  
Sweet Basil: I send sweet wishes

## T

Tulip: Love  
Tulip (Red): Declaration of love  
Tulip (Variegated): Beautiful eyes  
Tulip (Yellow): I am hopelessly in love

## V

Veronica: I shall remain true; fidelity

Violet: Modesty

Violet (Blue): I shall remain faithful

Violet (Purple): You occupy my thoughts

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