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INTRODUCTION

When we stop to admire a flower, we take in its lovely scent or elegant form. But what most of us don't know is that there is a language of flowers, and this language is filled with symbolism. In the pages ahead, you'll be able to explore some of the most beautiful flowers and the messages we send with each bouquet.



BIRD-OF- PARADISE

freedom, joy, excitement

The bird-of-paradise is named for its striking appearance. When the bright orange and blue petals bloom, they resemble a tropical bird in flight. With a long stem that reaches toward the heavens, this flower is a reminder that heaven on Earth can exist.

LAVENDER

serenity, grace, calm

Lavender's name comes from the Latin word for "bathing" because it was used for washing and cleaning in ancient Rome. The gentle scent of lavender promotes calm and relaxation, so the flower is often an expression of tranquility.





SUNFLOWER

positivity, happiness, loyalty

These flowers turn their large, round faces toward the sun, making them a popular symbol of optimism and joy. Sunflowers are also associated with loyalty and consistency. This is reflected in the way their heads follow the sun across the sky.

GERANIUM

happiness, friendship

The geranium flower has held significance across many cultures, often being associated with gods and saints. In Victorian times, different scents of geranium were said to convey different meanings. Overall, the flower is considered a symbol of happiness and friendship.

