Common Marian flowers

There are over 1,100 flowers that honor Mary. Here are a few that you may be familiar with, with their medieval names after their common names.

- Amaryllis – “Beautiful lady”
- Baby’s breath – “Lady’s veil”
- Bachelor’s buttons – “Mary’s crown”
- Bleeding heart – “Mary’s heart”
- Bluets – *Houstonia caerul.* – “Madonna’s eyes”
- Buttercup – “Lady’s locks”
- Carnation – “Mary’s love of God”
- Chamomile – “Lady’s flower”
- Columbine – “Our Lady’s shoes”
- Dandelion – “Mary’s bitter sorrow”
- Fern – “Lady’s hair”
- Forget-me-not – “Eyes of Mary”
- Foxglove – “Our Lady’s gloves”
- Geranium – “Lady beautiful”
- Honeysuckle – “Lady’s stick”
- Impatiens – “Our Lady’s earrings”
- Iris – “Mary as Queen”
- Larkspur – “Mary’s tears”
- Lily-of-the-valley – “Our Lady’s tears”
- Marigold – “Mary’s gold”
- Morning glory – “Our Lady’s mantle”
- Ox-Eye daisy – “Mary’s star”
- Pansy – “Our Lady’s delight”
- Petunia – “Lady’s praise”
- Rose – a symbol of Mary herself (she is known as the “Mystical Rose”)
- Rosemary – “Mary’s nosegay”
- Sweet pea – “Our Lady’s flower” or “Mary’s foot”
- Sweet William – “Lady tuft”
- Tulip – “Mary’s prayer”

- Violet – “Our Lady’s modesty”
- Zinnia – “Little Mary”