

Looking More Closely at Flowers

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these” (Matthew 6:28-29).

Flowers that grow in the garden are beautiful through to their inmost parts, for the more they open out the more beautiful they become (see Arcana Coelestia 8480).



Flowers are a beautiful part of the Lord’s creation. Take a closer look at the flowers that grow in your area. What does the beauty of the flowers tell you about the Lord’s care for all that He has made? Remember that you are an important part of His creation and that the Lord is taking special care of you.

Appreciating the Variety of Flowers

1) Color

See how many different colors you can find.

Notice that flowers can be different shades of color, such as light blue or dark blue.

Can you find a flower petal that has many colors?

2) Size

Look for big flowers and small flowers.

3) Petals

How many petals does a flower have?

Do some flowers have more petals than you can count (easily)?

4) Smell

Can you find a flower with a wonderful smell?

Can you find a flower with no smell at all?

5) Number of Flowers on a Stem

How many flowers does one stem carry?

6) Turn toward the Sun

Some flowers turn toward the sun.

Others open when the sun shines and close up at night time.

7) Dance with the Wind

On a windy day, observe which flowers blow in the wind and which ones keep still.

8) Where Do They Grow?

Find flowers that grow on trees or bushes.

Find flowers that grow on the ground.

Can you find any flowers that are growing in a pond or lake?

9) Look Inside

Can you find the pistils and the stamens?

10) Choose One of Your Favorite Flowers

Look at it every day and notice how it changes.

Make a picture of it. You could make a quick drawing with a pencil or use colored pencils or water colors to illustrate its beauty.

Take a photograph of your flower, getting as close as your camera will let you.