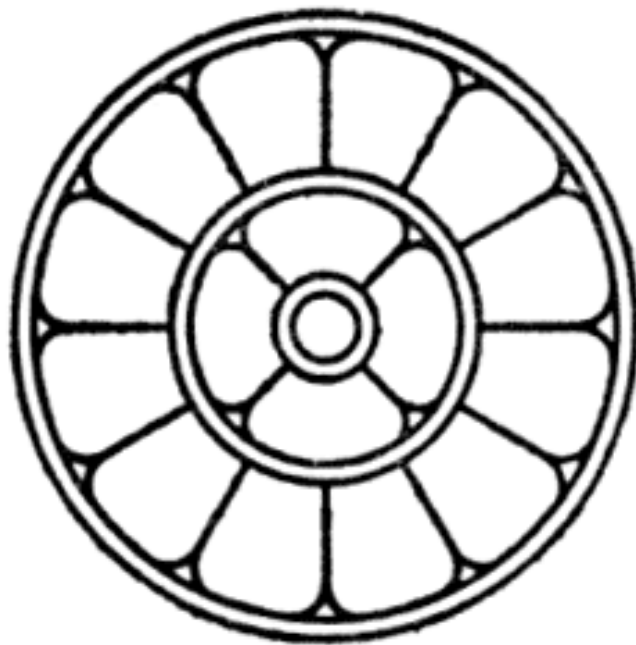
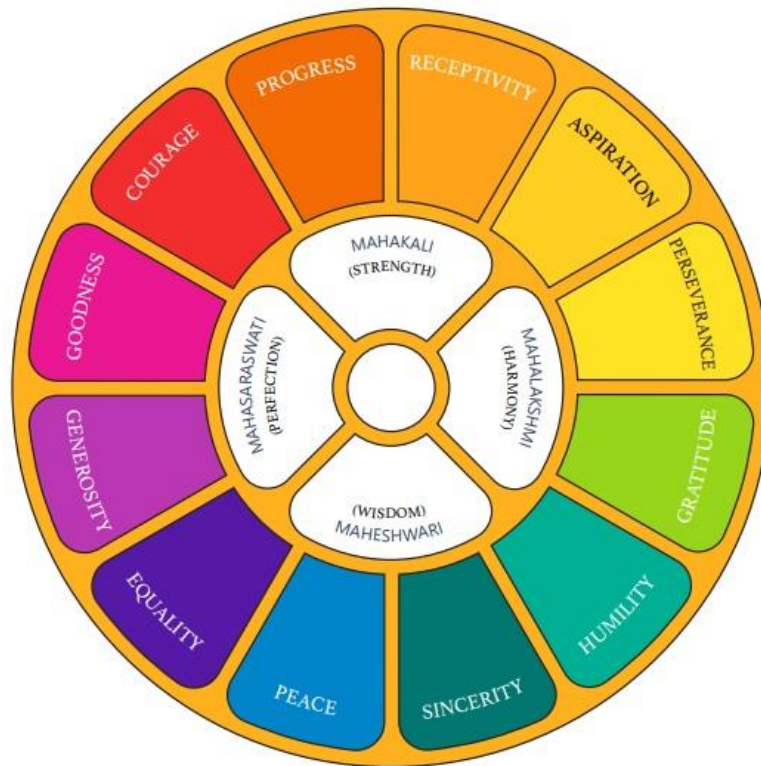


# The Mother's Symbol and Her Powers





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 The Twelve outer petals represent the twelve powers of the Mother manifested for Her work: the first eight concern the attitude towards the Divine, and the last four towards humanity<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Of the twelve powers (also called "Qualities", "Attributes", "Virtues") of the Mother, the first eight are Sincerity, Humility, Gratitude, Perseverance, Aspiration, Receptivity, Progress, Courage; the last four are Goodness, Generosity, Equality and Peace.

## **The 4 Powers of the Mother**

Maheshwari (Wisdom)

Mahakali (Strength)

Mahalakshmi (Harmony)

Mahasaraswati (Perfection)

The Mother's power and not any human endeavour and tapasya can alone rend the lid and tear the covering and shape the vessel and bring down into this world of obscurity and falsehood and death and suffering Truth and Light and Life divine and the immortal's Ananda.

*CWSA 32: 14-26*

# The 12 Powers of the Mother

Sincerity-Humility-Gratitude-Perseverance-  
Aspiration-Receptivity-Progress-Courage-  
Goodness-Generosity-Equality-Peace



To the twelve petals surrounding the golden sphere of Matrimandir, the Mother gave the name of twelve powers and assigned a specific colour to each of these powers. She also gave a name of spiritual significance to over 800 flowers. Each power is therefore also symbolized by a flower.



This is what we mean by “Divine”: all the knowledge we have to acquire, all the power we have to obtain, all the love we have to become, all the perfection we have to achieve, all the harmonious and progressive poise we have to manifest in light and joy, all the new and unknown splendours that have to be realised.

*CWM 14: 17*

# Sincerity



Botanical name: *Aster amellus*

Spiritual significance: Simple sincerity

*The beginning of all progress.*

1. Be wholly sincere, never try to deceive others. And try never to deceive yourself.

*CWM 14: 70*

2. Every act of sincerity carries in itself its own reward, the feeling of purification, of soaring upwards, of liberation one gets when one has rejected even one tiny particle of falsehood.

Sincerity is the safeguard, the protection, the guide, and finally the transforming power.

*CWM 08: 400*

# Humility



Botanical name: *Agrostis nebulosa*  
Spiritual significance: Humility  
*Adorable in its simplicity.*

1. Humility is that stage of consciousness in which, whatever the realisation, you know the infinite is still in front of you.

*CWM 03: 175*

2. Humility is the recognition that one does not know, that one knows nothing, and that there may be something beyond what presently appears to us as being truest, noblest, most disinterested.

*The Mother, The Spiritual Significance of Flowers, Part I: 119*

# Gratitude



Botanical name: *Ipomoea carnea*

Spiritual significance: Gratitude

*It is you who open all the closed doors  
and allow the saving Grace to enter.*

1. The ego thinks of what it wants and has not. This is its constant preoccupation.

The soul is aware of what it is given and lives in endless gratitude.

*CWM 14: 257*

2. Physically, materially, upon earth, it is in gratitude that one finds the source of the purest delight.

*CWM 15: 192*

Of all the movements within the reach of human consciousness gratitude is certainly the one that draws you most out of your ego.

*The Mother, The Spiritual Significance of Flowers, Part I: 122*



# Perseverance



Botanical name: *Calendula officinalis*  
Spiritual significance: Perseverance  
*The decision to go to the very end.*

1. Perseverance breaks down all obstacles.

*CWM 14: 162*

2. One must have an unflinching perseverance, be ready to begin again a hundred times the same thing with the same intensity with which one did it the first time and as though one had never done it before.

*CWM 07: 104*

If one persists, there comes a time when one is victorious.

Victory is to the most persistent.

*CWM 08: 42*

# Aspiration



Botanical name: *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis*

Spiritual significance: Aspiration

*Innumerable, obstinate, repeating itself tirelessly.*

1. This taste for supreme adventure is aspiration — an aspiration which takes hold of you completely and flings you, without calculation and without reserve and without a possibility of withdrawal, into the great adventure of the divine discovery, the great adventure of the divine meeting, the yet greater adventure of the divine Realization. CWM 08: 40

2. One must have a fixed and unflinching aspiration, vigilant and constant - an aspiration of the entire being - an aspiration that takes hold of you completely, an aspiration to unite with the Divine... to give oneself totally to the Divine, not to live outside the Divine consciousness, so that the Divine may be all in all.

CWM 14: 78

# Receptivity



Botanical name: *Gladiolus hortulanus*

Spiritual significance: Receptivity

*Conscious of the Divine Will and surrendered to it.*

1. Flowers are very receptive and they are happy when they are loved.

*CWM 16: 371*

2. Receptivity — the power to receive the Divine Force and to feel its presence and the presence of the Mother in it and allow it to work, guiding one's sight and will and action.

*CWSA 29: 266*

# Progress



Botanical name: *Catharanthus roseus*

Spiritual significance: Progress

*This is why we are on earth.*

1. Do not think of what you have been, think only of what you want to be and you are sure to progress.

*CWM 15: 76*

2. Above all, it is the will for progress and self-purification which lights the fire. The will for progress. Those who have a strong will, when they turn it towards spiritual progress and purification, automatically light the fire within themselves.

*CWM 08: 251*

# Courage



Botanical name: *Calotropis gigantea*  
Spiritual significance: Courage  
*Bold, it faces all dangers.*

1. Whosoever is courageous can give courage to others, just as the flame of one candle can light another.

*CWM 02: 187-188*

2. An indomitable courage, a perfect sincerity and a sincere self-giving, so that one does not calculate or bargain, does not give with the idea of receiving, does not trust with the idea of being protected, does not have a faith which asks for proofs – it is this that is indispensable in order to walk on the path, and it is this alone which can truly shelter you from all danger.

*CWM 8: 260-261*

## Goodness



Botanical name: *Roseda odorata*  
Spiritual significance: Benevolence  
*Makes life fragrant without attracting attention.*

1. Your heart is the home of a luminous goodness; let it govern your whole being.

*CWM 17: 366*

2. One must do as well as one can, the best one can, but without expecting a result, without doing it with a view to the result. Just this attitude, to expect a reward for a good action — to become good because one thinks that this will make life easier — takes away all value from the good action.

*CWM 03: 264*

# Generosity



Botanical name: *Impatiens balsamina*

Spiritual significance: Generosity

*Gives and gives itself without bargaining.*

1. Nobleness and generosity are the soul's ethereal firmament: without them, one looks at an insect in a dungeon.

*The Mother's Agenda 10: 340*

2. There is a power, a divine movement that spreads, diffuses, throws out freely forces and things and whatever else it possesses on all the levels of nature from the more material to the most spiritual plane. If truly surrendered to the Divine, it will be utilized as an instrument for the Divine work.

*CWM 03: 119*

# Equality



Botanical name: Iberis

Spiritual significance: Equanimity

*Immutable peace and calm.*

1. Someone who knows how to smile in all circumstances is very close to true equality of soul.

*CWM 14: 177*

2. A perfect equality of our spirit and nature is a means by which we can move back from the troubled and ignorant outer consciousness into this inner kingdom of heaven and possess the Spirit's eternal kingdoms of greatness, joy and peace...

*CWSA 23-24: 699*



# Peace



Botanical name: *Curcuma zedoaria*

Spiritual significance: Peace

*To want what You want always and  
in every circumstance is the only way  
to enjoy an unshakable peace.*

1. Feel the Peace, live the Peace, know the Peace – the Peace, the Peace.

*CWM 11: 9*

2. No matter what one wants to realise, one must begin by establishing this perfect and immutable peace; it is the basis from which one must work.

*CWM 09: 298*

Peace and stillness are the great remedy for disease.

When we can bring peace in our cells, we are cured.

*CWM 15: 151*