



Cherry Blossoms

The cherry blossom is Japan's national flower.

Every spring, festivals are held and people gather beneath the cherry blossoms for Hanami or flower viewing. This practise began as a religious ceremony over 1000 years ago.

The cherry blossom holds special symbolism in two ways.

First, it falls at the height of its beauty (before it withers with age).

Second, its transience or short life (typically only a week) reminds us of the value of each day.

Despite its short life, the cherry blossom inspires millions of people to open themselves and live to their full potential.

Amanda lived as the cherry blossom for us.

Full of beauty, full of inspiration, and fallen at her prime.

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