



Anointing Oil Fragrance Meanings

What each Oil of Joy scent means and the scripture behind it.

● Balm of Gilead

● Cassia

● Cedar of Lebanon

● Cinnamon

● Exodus Holy Oil

● Frankincense

● Frankincense & Myrrh

● Hyssop (Holy Fire)

● Lily of the Valley

● Myrrh

● Pomegranate

● Rose of Sharon

● Spikenard

● Unscented

“While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.”

SONG OF SOLOMON 1:12 (KJV)

The meaning behind each scent

In Exodus 30, God told Moses to make a holy anointing oil to set apart the tabernacle and the priests for His service (Exodus 30:22-31). Throughout Scripture, oil became a picture of the Holy Spirit's presence and power, and Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One.

Many of the fragrances used in anointing oil are named in the Bible. We have explained each Oil of Joy scent here, so you can choose one and pray with its meaning in mind. We hope it inspires you to seek more, as Jesus said: "seek, and ye shall find" (Matthew 7:7).

● Balm of Gilead	<i>Healing & Restoration</i>	● Cassia	<i>Dedication & Devotion</i>
● Cedar of Lebanon	<i>Strength & Protection</i>	● Cinnamon	<i>Holiness & Consecration</i>
● Exodus Holy Oil	<i>Calling & Consecration</i>	● Frankincense	<i>Healing</i>
● Frankincense & Myrrh	<i>Healing & Intercession</i>	● Hyssop (Holy Fire)	<i>Purification & Empowerment</i>
● Lily of the Valley	<i>Honor & Purity</i>	● Myrrh	<i>Grace & Peace</i>
● Pomegranate	<i>Blessing & Favor</i>	● Rose of Sharon	<i>Beauty of the Beloved</i>
● Spikenard	<i>Worship & Praise</i>	● Unscented	<i>Simplicity & Purity</i>

Not sure where to start?

Frankincense & Myrrh and Unscented are our two most popular oils. An assortment pack lets you try several scents before choosing a larger size.

Balm of Gilead

HEALING & RESTORATION

Gilead was known for a healing balm made from the resin of its trees. Jeremiah asks if there is no balm in Gilead, a picture of God as the one who restores His people.

"Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?"

JEREMIAH 8:22 (KJV)

Cassia

DEDICATION & DEVOTION

A principal spice of the holy anointing oil, used to anoint priests, kings, and their garments. It represents devotion, consecration, and a servant's heart. Cassia is a close relative of cinnamon.

"All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad."

PSALM 45:8 (KJV) Also see Exodus 30:22-25

Cedar of Lebanon

STRENGTH & PROTECTION

The "king" of biblical trees, a fragrant evergreen that grows up to 90 feet tall. Its strong wood built the houses of David and Solomon and much of the first Temple. It represents strength, permanence, wholeness, and restoration.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

PSALM 92:12 (KJV)

Cinnamon

HOLINESS & CONSECRATION

Sweet cinnamon is one of the principal spices God named for the holy anointing oil. Its warm scent is a reminder of a life set apart to serve the Lord.

"Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels"

EXODUS 30:23 (KJV)

Exodus Holy Oil

CALLING & CONSECRATION

A blend inspired by the spices God named in Exodus 30 for the holy anointing oil, which set apart Aaron and his sons to serve as priests. Many use it to pray over those called to ministry.

"And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office."

EXODUS 30:30 (KJV)

Frankincense

HEALING

Named as part of the holy incense used in worship. Frankincense was so prized that people valued it above gold, and it was one of the gifts brought to Jesus at His birth.

"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

PSALM 141:2 (KJV)

Frankincense & Myrrh

HEALING & INTERCESSION

Two of the three gifts brought to the Messiah at His birth, pointing to His role as Priest and Prophet and all He continues to do on our behalf. Often used in prayer for deliverance.

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

ISAIAH 53:5 (KJV) Also see Hebrews 7:25

Hyssop (Holy Fire)

PURIFICATION & EMPOWERMENT

Called "Holy Fire," hyssop points to spiritual cleansing through the refining work of the Holy Spirit. Hyssop was also used with cedar to cleanse a house in the law of Moses.

"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

PSALM 51:7 (KJV)

Lily of the Valley

HONOR & PURITY

Represents our walk with the Lord as we are made more like Him, through daily time in His presence and in His Word.

"I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon."

HOSEA 14:5 (KJV) Also see Song of Solomon 2:1

Myrrh

GRACE & PEACE

A precious biblical spice used for purification and beauty, in the formula for the holy anointing oil, and in the spices for Jesus' burial.

"...six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours..."

ESTHER 2:12 (KJV)

Pomegranate

BLESSING & FAVOR

One of the oldest known fruits and highly prized in Israel. The spies brought pomegranates back to show how fruitful the Promised Land was. It represents God's favor shown in fruitfulness and abundance.

"And they came unto the brook of Eshcol... and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs."

NUMBERS 13:23 (KJV)

Rose of Sharon

BEAUTY OF THE BELOVED

From the plain of Sharon in Israel. It is not a true rose but part of the hibiscus family, known for its beautiful blooms.

"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys."

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1 (KJV)

Spikenard

WORSHIP & PRAISE

A rare and costly fragrant oil. Mary of Bethany poured it on Jesus to anoint Him shortly before His death, and the whole house was filled with its scent.

"While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof."

SONG OF SOLOMON 1:12 (KJV) Also see John 12:3

Unscented

SIMPLICITY & PURITY

Pure oil with no added fragrance. A good choice for hospital visits, for anyone sensitive to scent, and for those who prefer a simple oil for prayer.

"But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."

1 JOHN 2:20 (KJV)



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