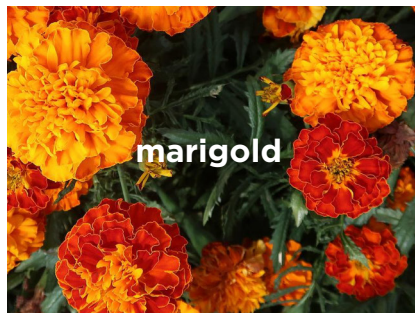




MAKE-YOUR-OWN Mary Garden BULLETIN BOARD KIT



For ages, Christians have been growing Marian-themed flower gardens in honor of the Mother of God. Many popular flowers have traditional associations with Our Lady. Some are symbols of her virtues. Others recall events in her life.

This resource enables you to bring this treasured tradition to life in your classroom as a bulletin board.

Page 1 and 2 provide a reference for the flowers and what they symbolize.

There is also a coloring page for each flower and an image of Mary that you can use as a centerpiece. Encourage each student to put his or her whole heart into coloring a flower in Our Lady's honor.



Marian Flowers and What They Mean

Bleeding Heart- Mary's heart, pierced with sorrow for her Son. (Pink and white, red and white, or just white)

Daffodils- Used to be known as "Our Lady's Star" (White, yellow, or orange in any combination)

Forget-me-not- also called "Eyes of Mary" (light blue)

Iris- also called "Mary's Sword of Sorrow." (multicolored)

Lily of the Valley- also called "Our Lady's Tears" (white)

Lily- Mary's Purity- (Color: White)

Marigold (*literally "Mary's gold"*)- Mary's heavenly glory (yellow, red, or orange, solid or in any combination)

Morning Glory- also called "Our Lady's Mantle" (blue, purple, white, pink, or blue and white striped)

Rose- Mary's sorrow (red), her pure love for God and joy (white), and her glory (yellow)

Violet- symbol of our Lady's modesty (purple or white)



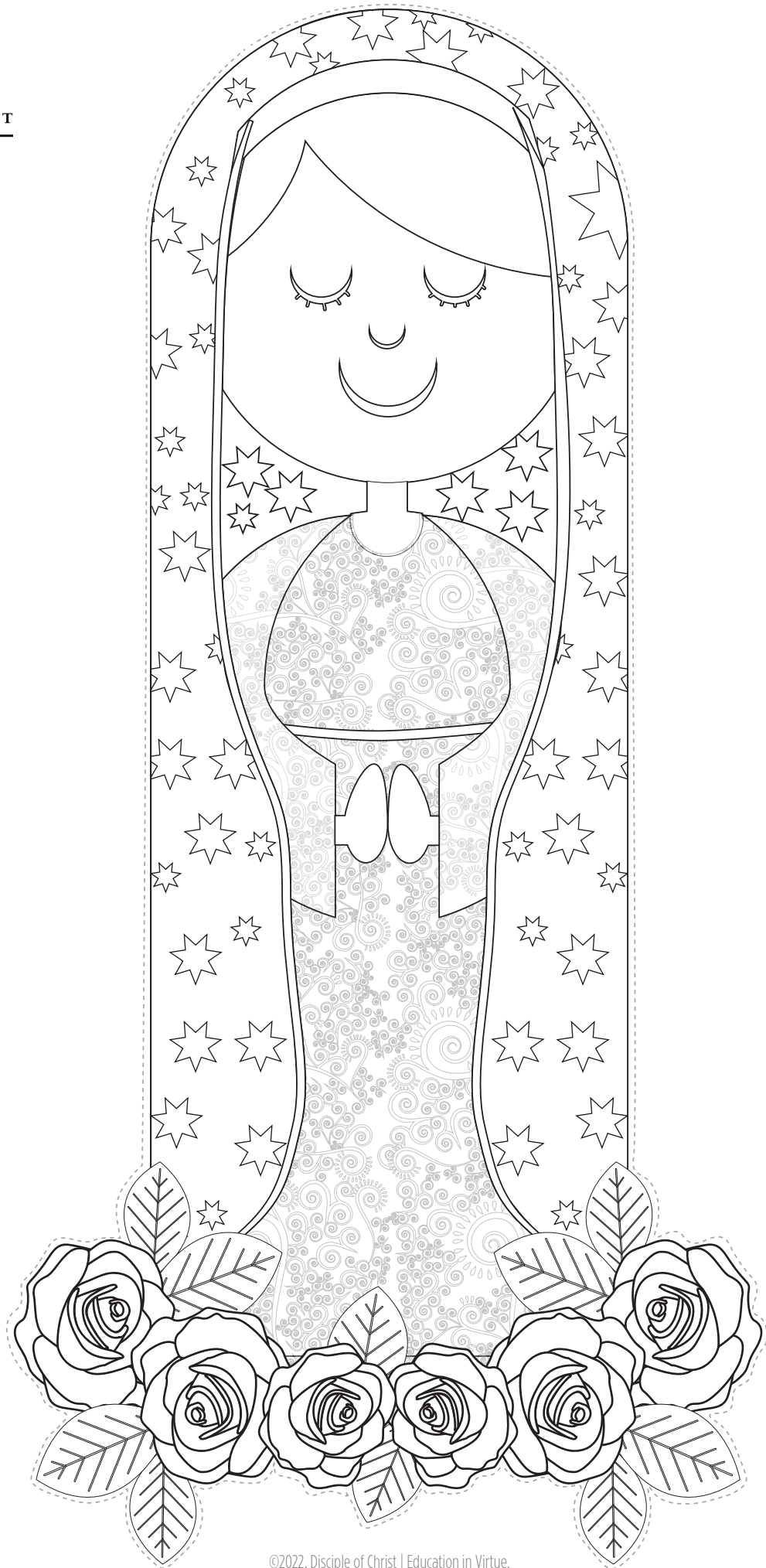
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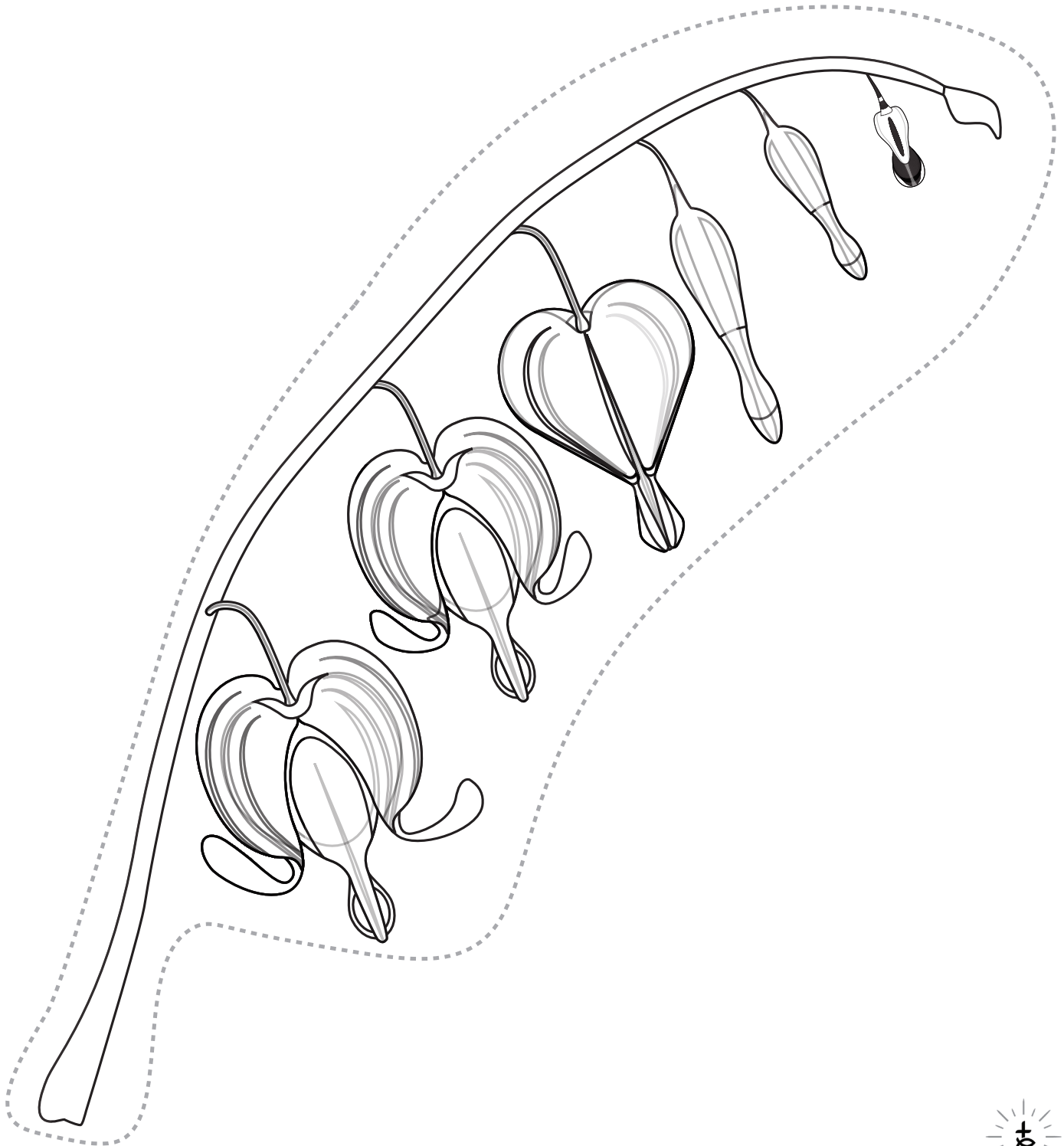
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Note: a larger image of Mary (for print on 11"x17") is available as a separate pdf file in the same file folder as this file.



Bleeding Heart

(Mary's Heart)

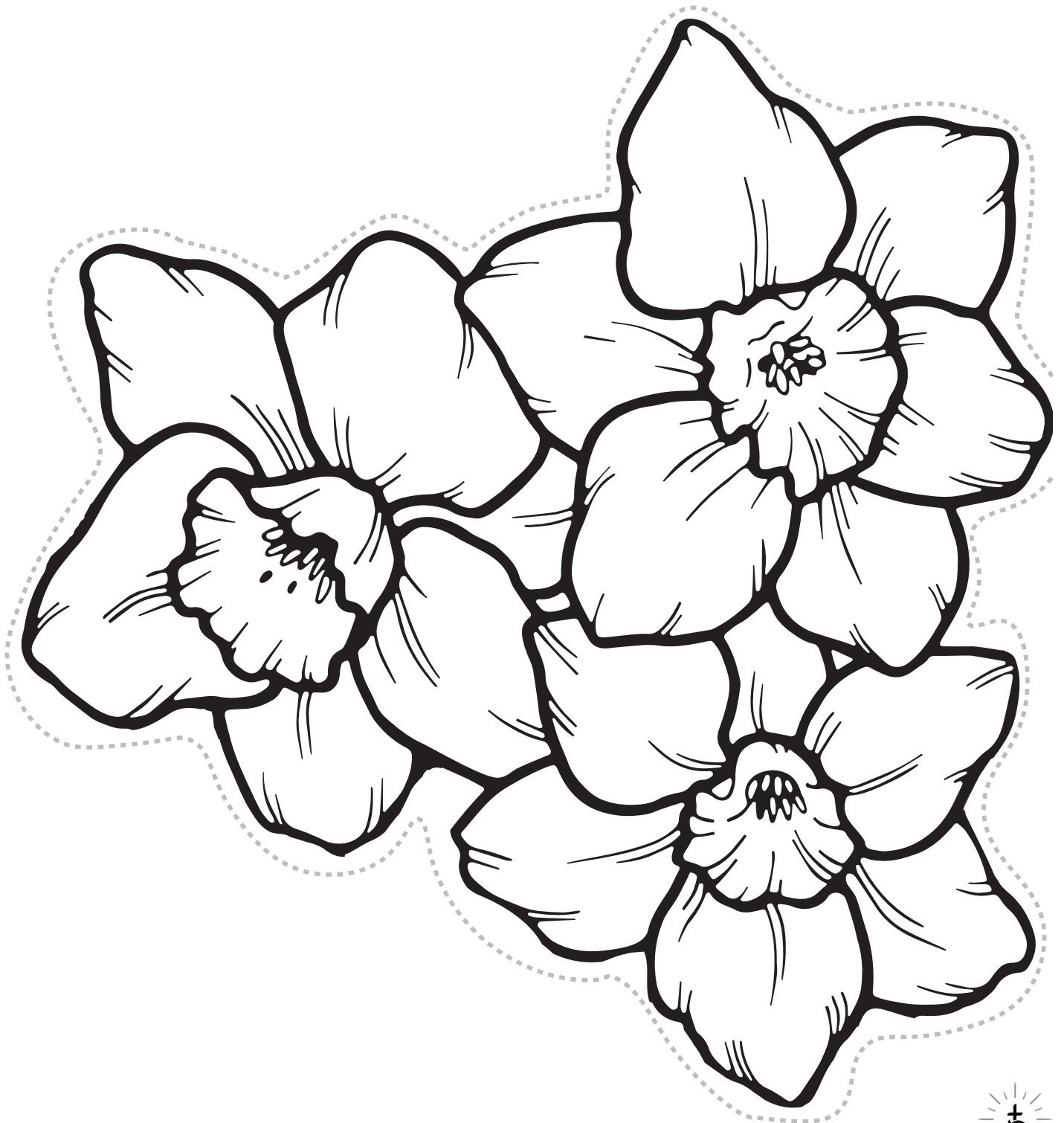


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Daffodil

("Our Lady's Star")

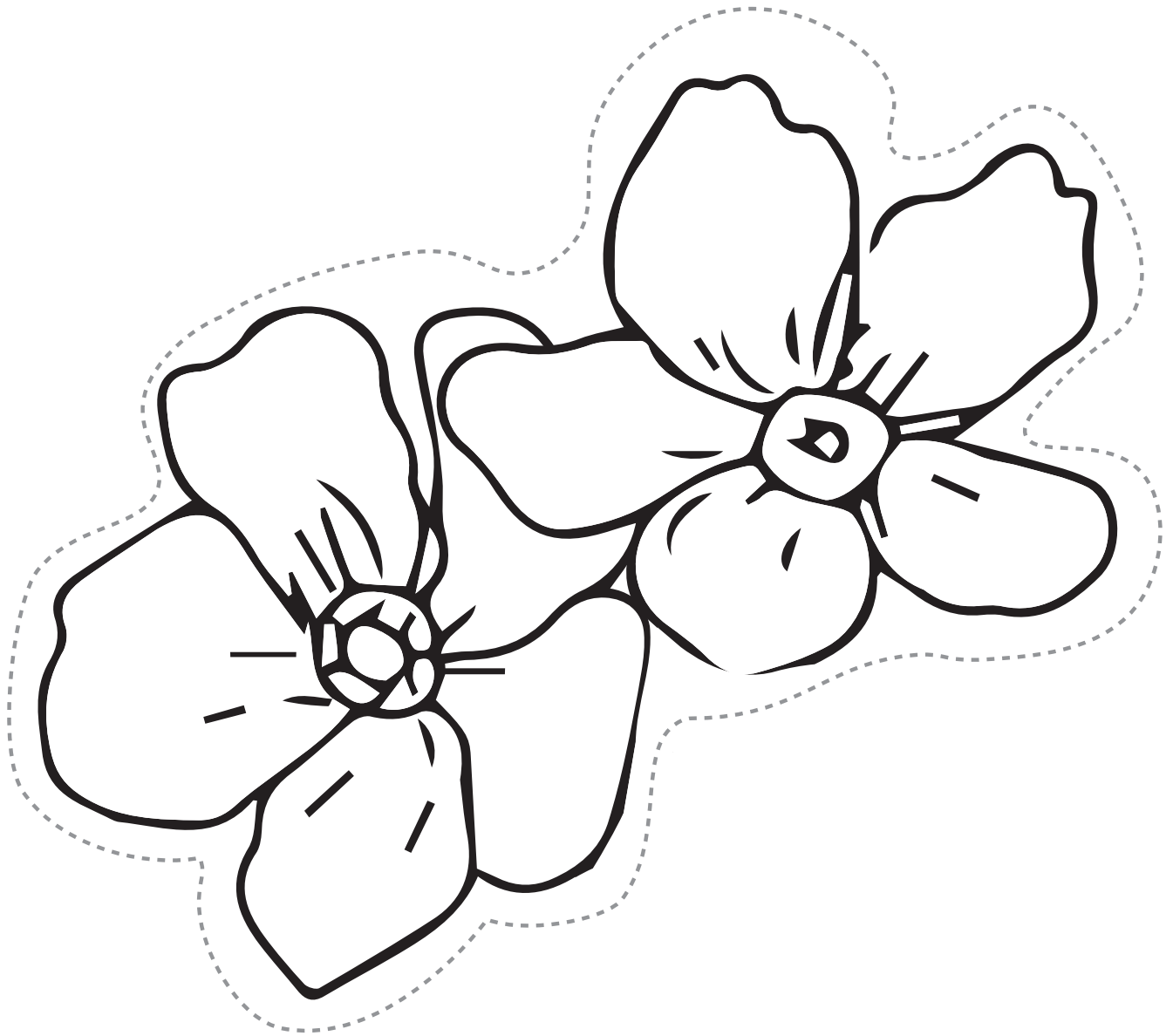


White, yellow, or orange in any combination



Forget-me-not

("Eyes of Mary")

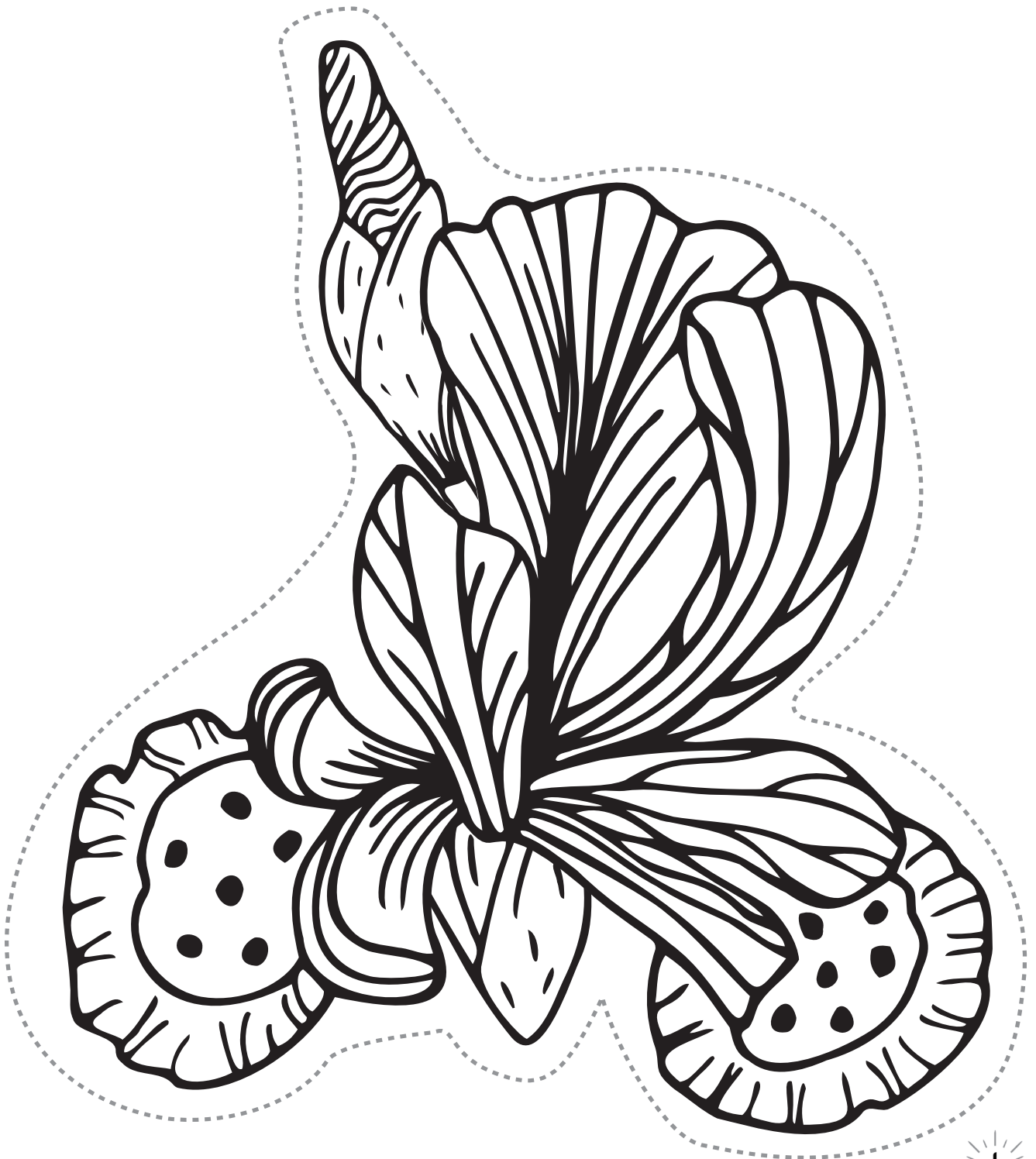


light blue



Iris

(“Mary’s Sword of Sorrow”)



multicolored



Lily of the Valley

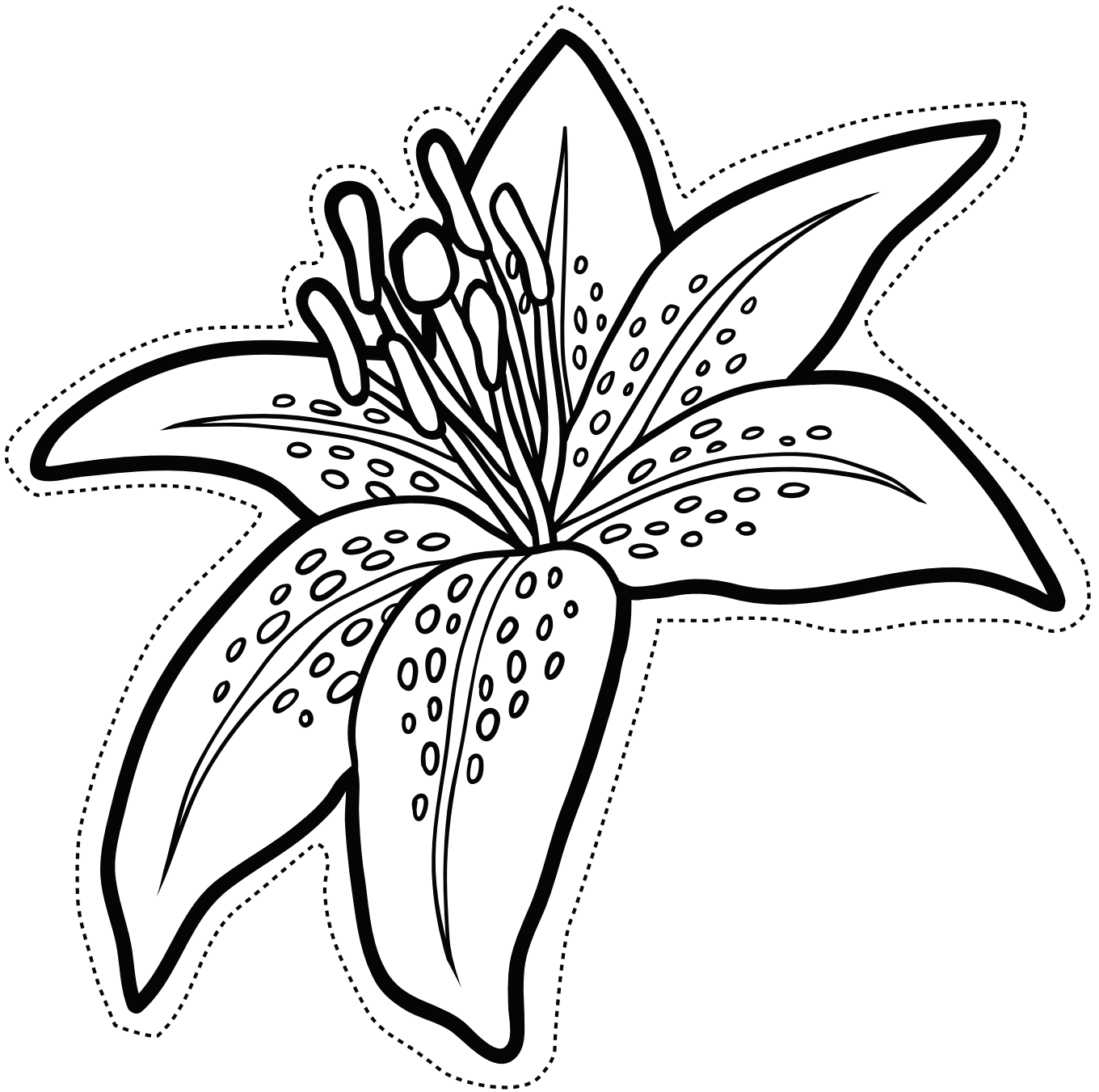
("Our Lady's Tears")



white

Lily

(Mary's Purity)

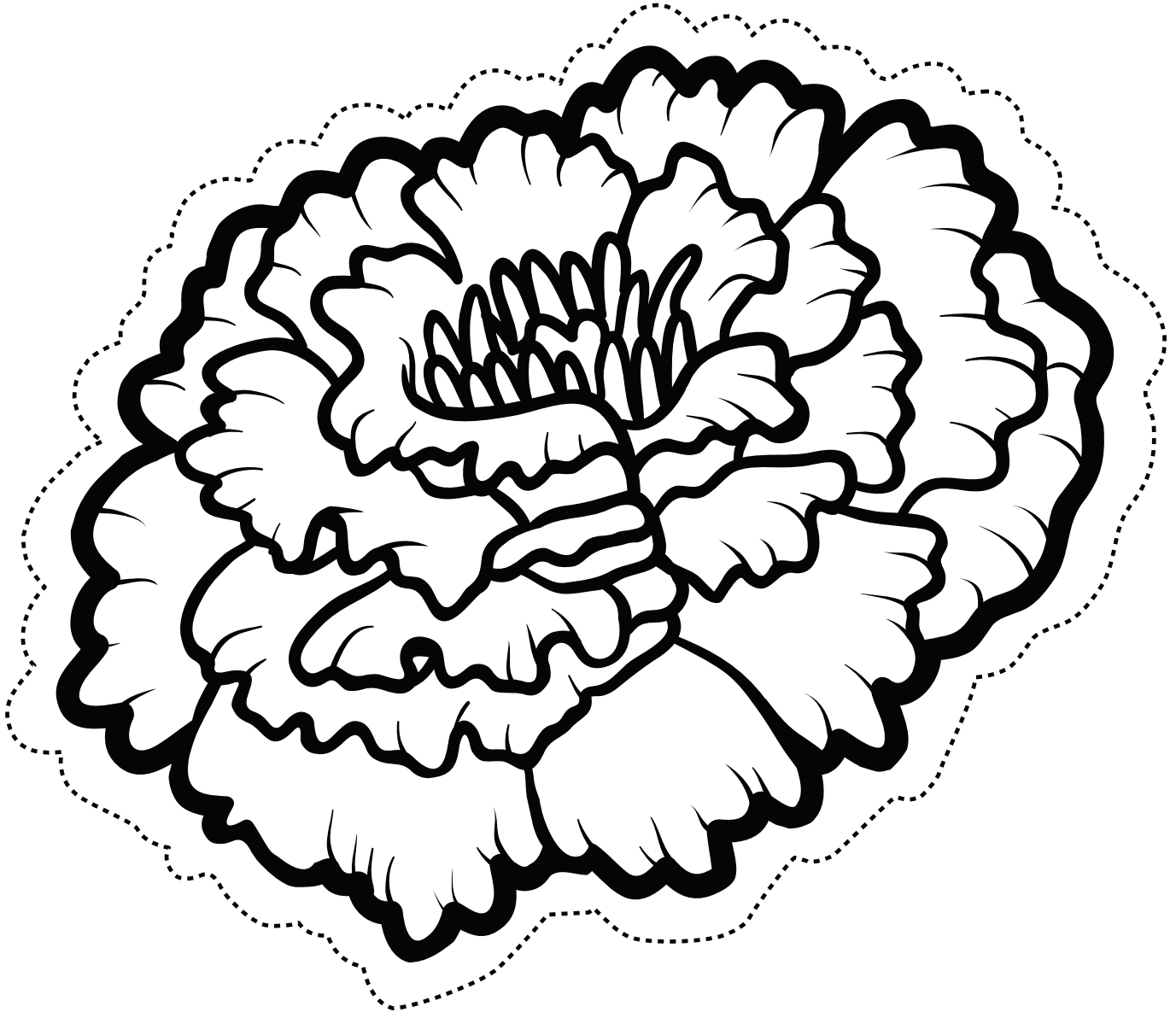


white



Marigold

("Mary's gold"-Mary's heavenly glory)

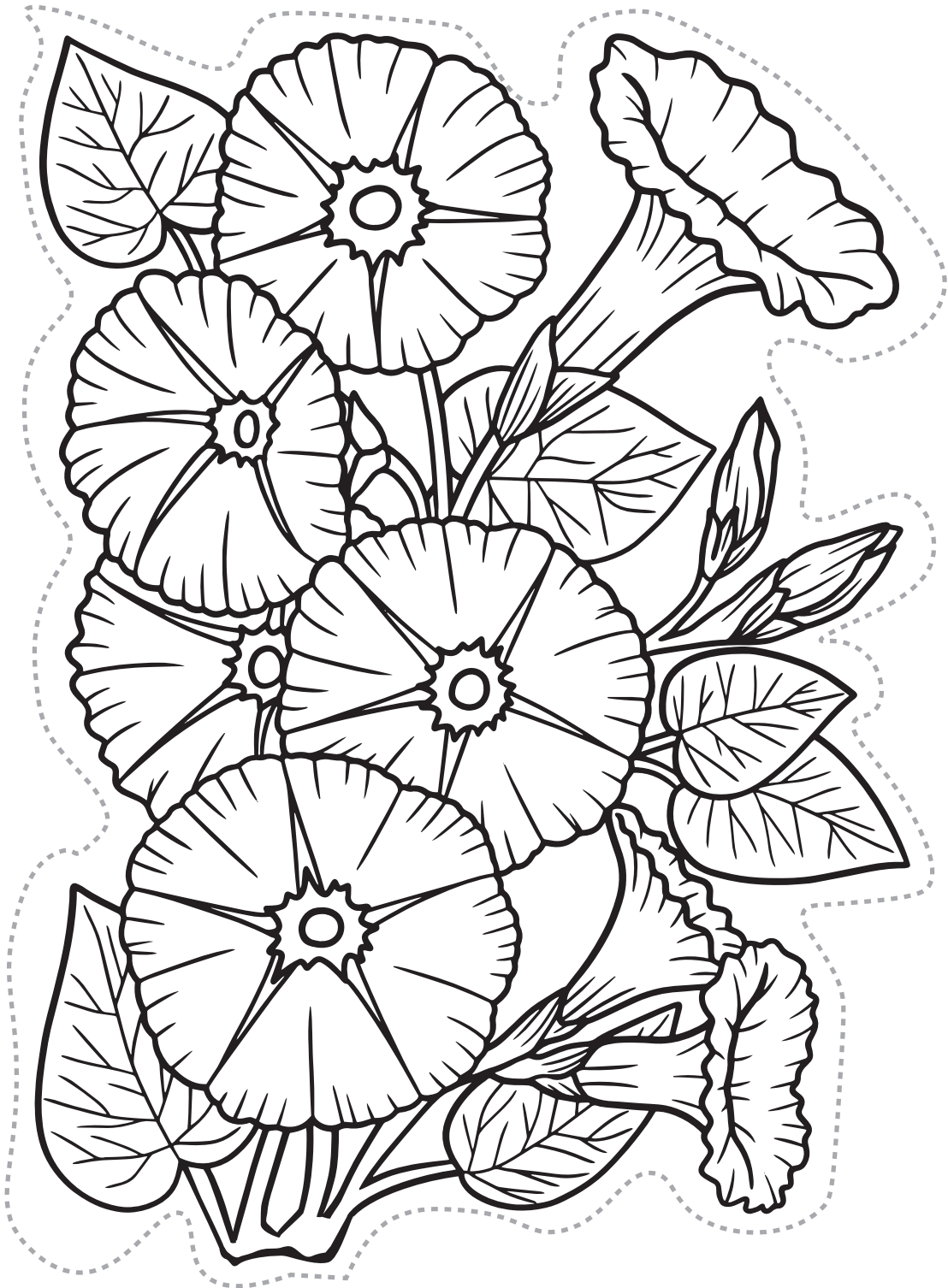


yellow, red, or orange, solid or in any combination



Morning Glory

("Mary's Mantle")

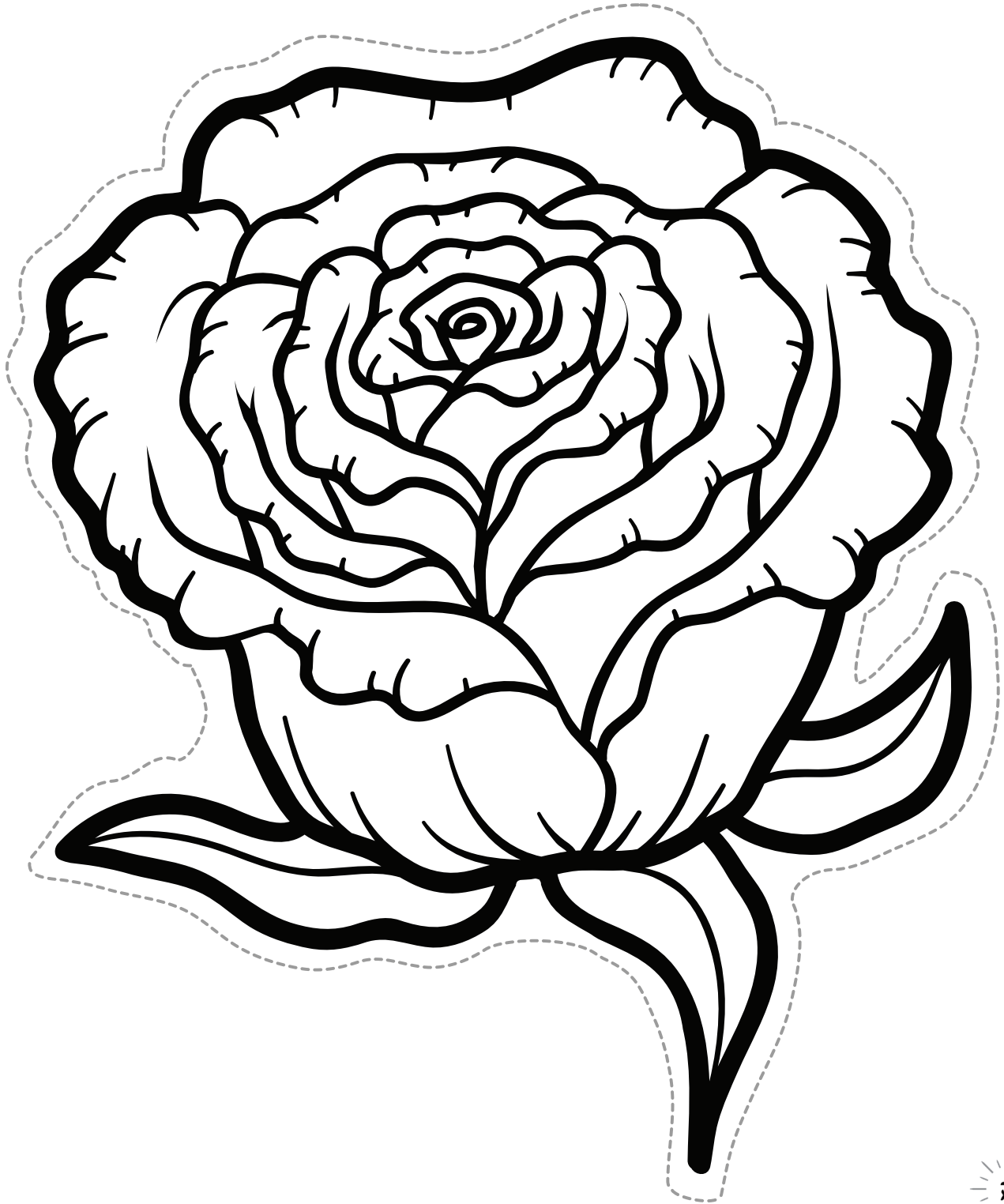


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Rose

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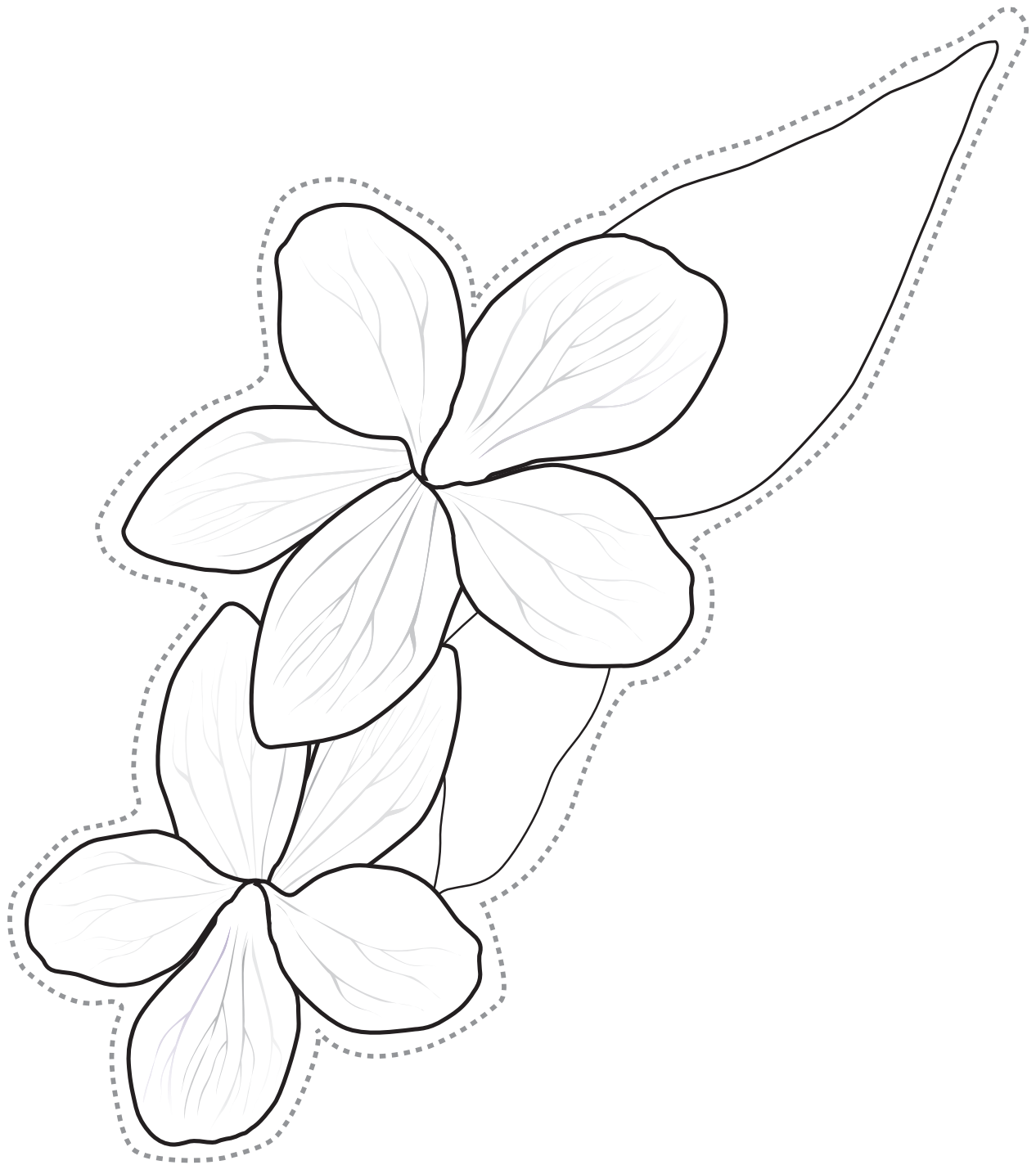


blue, purple, white, pink, or blue and white striped



Violet

(Our Lady's modesty)



purple or white

