

# Florence Nightingale pledge



I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.



## OUR MISSION:

To lead our communities to well-being, one person at a time

## OUR VISION:

Healthier people  
Thriving communities  
Trusted partner

## OUR VALUES:

Excellence  
Empathy  
Integrity  
Accountability



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“The lamp is a symbol of all Florence Nightingale stood for, comfort and kindness, gentleness and courage, and an unwavering devotion to duty. Perhaps deep down, she knew even then, that the light from it would go on shining into the future.”

*-Author Unknown*

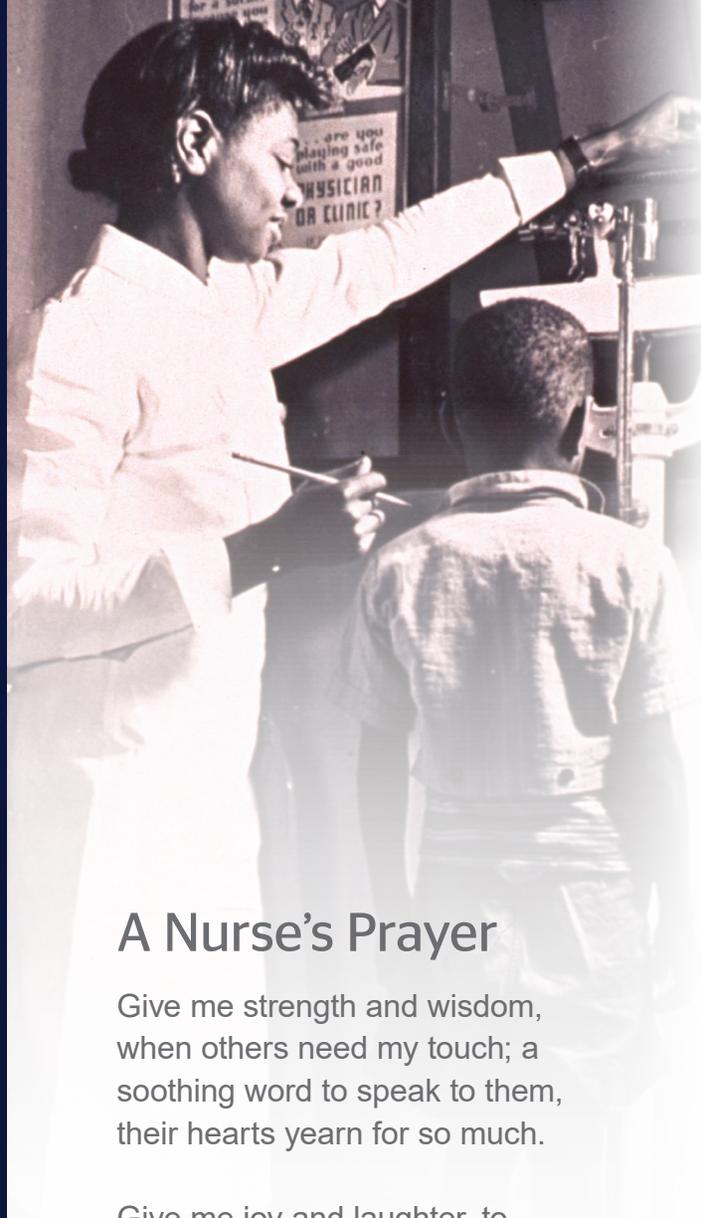


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# Reid Health Richmond Nursing Honor Guard

As we remember and commemorate the lives of our loved ones, we seek to find meaningful ways to acknowledge the contributions they have made to each of us personally and to our community. In 2023, a group of retired and active nurses, with the help of Reid Health, created a Nurse Honor Guard to assist families in honoring the lives of loved ones who were nurses.

Our Nurse Honor Guard members are volunteer nurses who consider it a privilege to participate in the final celebrations of life for their fellow nurses. Their services are provided as a gift to families in commemoration of their loved ones who were active or retired nurses in the Reid Health service area.



## A Nurse's Prayer

Give me strength and wisdom,  
when others need my touch; a  
soothing word to speak to them,  
their hearts yearn for so much.

Give me joy and laughter, to  
life a weary soul; pour in me  
compassion, to make the broken  
whole.

Give me the gentle healing  
hands, for those left in my care; a  
blessing to those who need me,  
this is a nurse's prayer.

## Nurse Honor Guard offered services

The Nurse Honor Guard will participate in visitation or funeral services at the family's request by:

- Providing a table display at the funeral home to honor the loved one's commitment to the nursing profession.
- Standing guard at the nurse's casket during visitation.
- Reciting "A Nurse's Prayer" at a brief ceremony during the visitation, funeral or graveside service. Announcing the last call to duty for the nurse, extinguishing the Florence Nightingale lamp's flame, and presenting the lamp to a designated family member.
- Providing commemorative bookmarks in remembrance of the honored nurse.

To request the Reid Health Richmond Nursing Honor Guard, please ask your funeral home director to contact the honor guard's representative.