

81st Brazilian Nursing Week and 1st Brazilian Week of Nursing in Times of Pandemic COVID-19

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We started this editorial by addressing nursing professionals who are no longer with us today. They were silenced by the pandemic, especially for the lack of resources, protection, indifference. Just when the World Health Organization declares 2020 as the International Year of Nursing, warning that the world needs nine million more nurses and midwives to reach the goal of universal health coverage by 2030; when the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the forerunner of Modern Nursing, will be celebrated.

Overcome with perplexity and amazement, we watched our nursing get physically and emotionally ill. In the midst of the global health crisis, a new order is in place. "Hundreds of families beg for a respirator and an intensive care center." Of course, this Brazilian Nursing Week will be totally different. The world is different. While our tears translate the emotions and feelings that overflow through our pores, we are at a point where we cannot retreat. A retreat would represent many more deaths, helplessness, disassistance, interrupted biographies, families, communities, destroyed cities. No, you cannot back down.

It is necessary to form an extremely strong bond, solidarity, a true current that shows Brazil and the world that we will not be silent in the face of the political immorality that for years precalize the Unified Health System, trivializes death and legitimizes disrespect for life. We need it more than ever for the NURSING SCIENCE to combine with other sciences, the ART of Nursing with its innovations and technologies, HUMANITY and EMPATHY that allow us to see the "other", different from the "I", as an individual of equal value.

To nursing professionals, students, recent graduates or with many years of profession, we hope that, in this 1st Brazilian Week of Nursing in the Pandemic COVID-19, the LIGHT that Florence launched in that scenario of war is with us, more than ever, the flame of a HOPE capable of making us see beyond chaos. A FLAME that will allow us to believe that we will survive.

The time of hits is urgent. Only then can we break the silence of those who have died, resignifying by pain, but above all by love, the commitment to BE A NURSE, to BE NURSING:

"—I swear: To dedicate my professional life to the service of humanity, respecting the dignity and rights of the human person, exercising nursing with awareness and fidelity; keep the secrets entrusted to me; respect the human being from conception to after death; not to commit acts that endanger the physical or mental integrity of the human being; work with the health team to achieve the improvement of the population's standard of living; keep the ideals of my profession elevated, obeying the precepts of ethics, legality and morality, honoring its prestige and its traditions."

Nursing yesterday, today and always! Alfredo Pinto School of Nursing - 1890/2020.