



## March 8: laying flowers, all-Russian campaign

We, the women of Russia, refuse to celebrate the Eighth of March this year:

don't give us flowers, better to go out and lay them in memory of the dead civilians of Ukraine (about 300 people lost, there are children among them), against whom our country has unleashed aggressive military actions. Or lay the flowers gifted at the monuments to the fallen: flowers are better than bullets.

From 12:00 to 16:00 o'clock, we invite everyone to lay the flowers at any monument to the Great Patriotic War in your city. Victims of that war are shamelessly used by the Putin government as a cover while it commits war crimes against civilians of another country. Show the people of Ukraine, women, and children of Ukraine that you are grieving with them, show them that mothers and wives of Russia are not ready to receive their sons and husbands in zinc coffins. No, do not only show solidarity, fight to stop bloodshed!

March 8 is the day of struggle for women's rights. Today we are fighting for peace for Ukrainian women and men, we are fighting for freedom for Russian political prisoners, among whom there are more and more women every year. This year, March 8 is a day of rage and mourning for us: we ask you to come without posters and organize minutes of silence while at the monuments. The concept of today's campaign is standing in solidarity. For many years, the state propaganda machine has used May 9 to its advantage. A thirst for war was hiding behind the ostentatious words of peace. We live in the reality of "we can repeat" instead of "never again". This year March 8 is the new May 9: the day of struggle against militarism, imperial wars, and terrible losses on both sides.

We cannot guarantee that you will not be detained. We believe that if detentions happened at a mourning site, they will only demonstrate the lack of honor and any principles of this police state and an authoritarian regime.

### How to Join

- ❖ Choose any WWII monument in your city (it does not matter how remarkable it is, it could be a stela, a monument, a commemorative plaque, etc.);
- ❖ Cooperate with other people in advance or lay the flowers alone;
- ❖ Have a minute of silence at the monument;
- ❖ Do not give in to provocations;
- ❖ Be ready for detention - read the memos of the OVD-info;
- ❖ You can take photos of the campaign and post them with the hashtag #FeministAntiWarResistance so that we can find you.