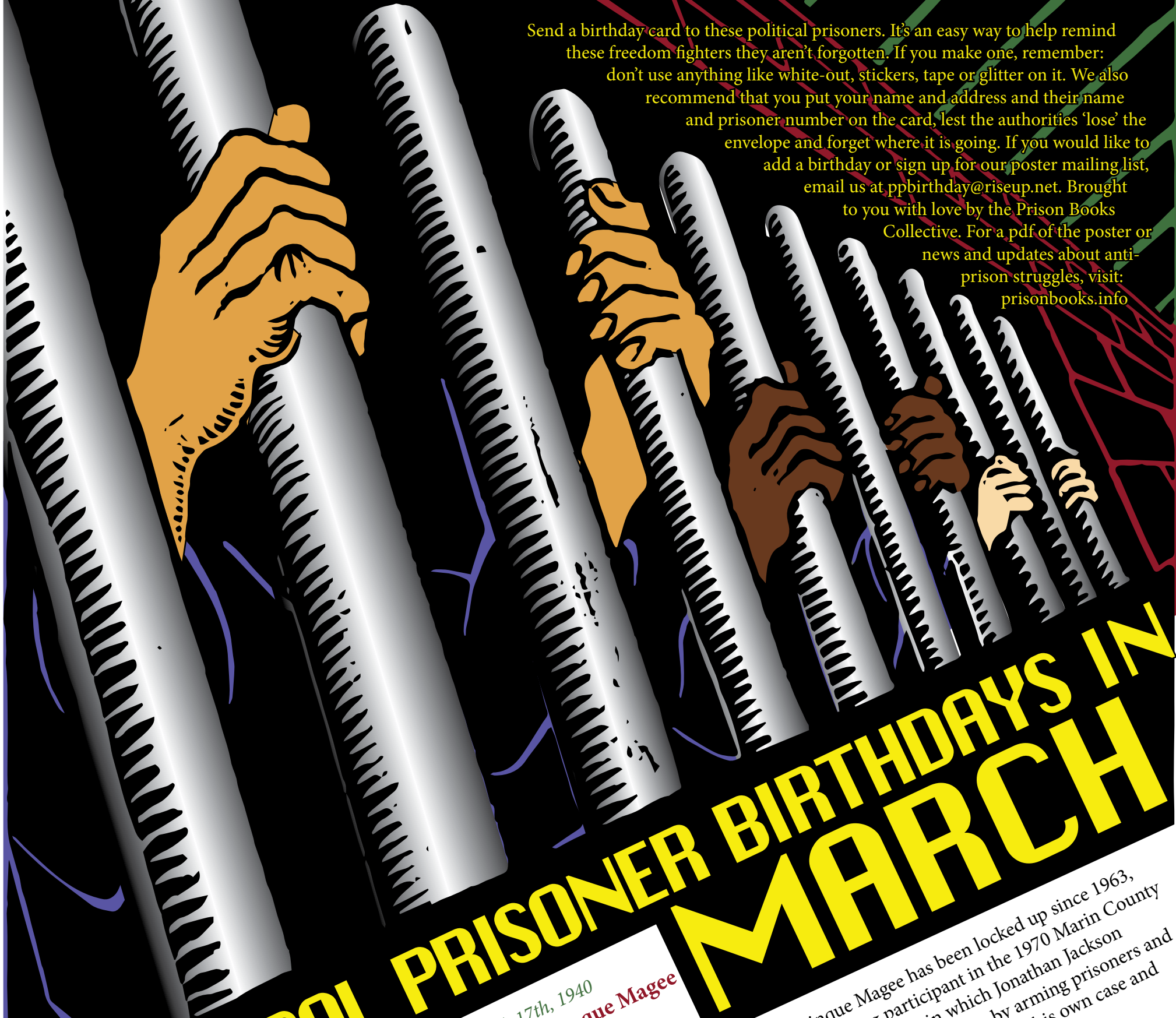


Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember: don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities 'lose' the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at ppbirthday@riseup.net. Brought to you with love by the Prison Books Collective. For a pdf of the poster or news and updates about anti-prison struggles, visit: prisonbooks.info



POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

March 1, 1940
Richard Mafundi Lake
 #079972
 Donaldson CF
 100 Warrior Lane
 Bessemer, AL 35023-7299
thejerichomovement.com

Richard Mafundi Lake was a long-time organizer against racist police brutality in Alabama. He was sentenced in 1983 under Alabama's Habitual Offender Act to life in prison. Richard is further punished for writing anti-American propaganda on the black board during an Islamic service two weeks after 9/11, as part of a nationwide coordinated Islamophobic lockdown.

March 5th, 1962
Reverend Joy Powell
 #07G0632
 Bedford Hills CF
 Post Office Box 1000
 Bedford Hills, NY 10507-2499
freejoypowell.org

A pastor and activist against police brutality, violence and oppression in her community, Rev. Joy Powell was warned by the Rochester Police department that she was a target because she spoke out against corruption. Shortly after, Rev. Joy was accused and convicted of 1st Degree Burglary and Assault. An all white jury tried her; the state provided no evidence and no eyewitnesses. She was convicted and given 16 years and seven years concurrent.

March 13, 1979
Andrew Mickel
 #V77400
 San Quentin State Prison
 San Quentin, CA 94974

Andrew Mickel shot a police officer in 2002, explaining his motivations on a manifesto posted on the internet before his arrest: "to bring attention to, and halt, the police-state tactics [...] used throughout our country[, and as] an action against corporate irresponsibility."

March 17th, 1940
Ruchell Cinque Magee
 #A92051
 CSP - Los Angeles County
 Post Office Box 8457
 Lancaster, CA 93539-8457
denverabc.wordpress.com

attempted to liberate his older brother George Jackson by holding a judge hostage. He has worked as a jailhouse lawyer on his own case and helping many other prisoners win their freedom.

March 21st, 1948
Jaan Karl Laaman
 #10372-016
 USP Tucson
 Post Office Box 24550
 Tucson, AZ 85734
freejaan.blogspot.com

Jaan Karl Laaman grew up in Roxbury, MA and Buffalo, NY. His family emigrated to the US from Estonia when he was a child. Jaan is considered a prisoner of war. He is currently serving a 53 year prison sentence for his role in the bombings of United States government buildings while a member of the United Freedom Front, an American leftist group which robbed banks, bombed buildings, and attacked law enforcement officers in the 1980s in solidarity with the struggle in South Africa.

March 21st, 1984
Andrew Henry
 #42521-044
 USP McCreary, USP
 PO Box 3000
 Pine Knot, KY 42635
antistatestl.noblogs.org

200 days of fiery rebellion followed the shooting of a black child named Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, that galvanized a black liberation movement that makes the ruling class tremble to this day. Andrew Henry is serving a 6 year sentence for loot the Foot Locker in Buzz Westfall Plaza on August 10th, 2014, during the first night of riots.

An illustration showing several hands of different skin tones (tan, brown, black) holding silver pens. The pens are arranged in a diagonal line from the top left to the bottom right. The background is black with green and red diagonal lines.

March 1, 1940: Richard Mafundi Lake

March 5th, 1962: Reverend Joy Powell

March 13, 1979: Andrew Mickel

March 17th, 1940: Ruchell Cinque Magee

March 21st, 1948: Jaan Karl Laaman

March 21th, 1984: Andrew Henry

**THEY ARE IN THERE FOR US
WE ARE OUT HERE
FOR THEM**

Political Prisoner Letter Writing Night

This March, join others in your community to send birthday cards to political prisoners to remind them that they are not forgotten.

Time:

Date:

Location:

Sponsoring Organization: