

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](mailto: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](http://prisonbooks.info)



# POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

March 1, 1940

**Richard Mafundi Lake**  
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[thejerichomovement.com](http://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 17th, 1940

**Ruchell Cinque Magee**  
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CSP - Los Angeles County  
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Lancaster, CA 93539-8457  
[denverabc.wordpress.com](http://denverabc.wordpress.com)

Ruchell Cinque Magee has been locked up since 1963, the only surviving participant in the 1970 Marin County Courthouse Rebellion, in which Jonathan Jackson attempted to liberate his older brother George Jackson by arming prisoners and 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**  
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USP Tucson  
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Tucson, AZ 85734  
[freejaan.blogspot.com](http://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 5th, 1962

**Reverend Joy Powell**  
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Bedford Hills CF  
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Bedford Hills, NY 10507-2499  
[freejoypowell.org](http://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.

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 13, 1979

**Andrew Mickel**  
#V77400  
San Quentin State Prison  
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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 looting the Foot Locker in Buzz Westfall Plaza on August 10th, 2014, during the first night of riots.



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 21st, 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:**