

Free Marissa Alexander!

TAKE ACTION!



Who is Marissa Alexander?

Marissa Alexander is an African American mother and survivor of domestic violence from Jacksonville, FL. Three years ago, she fired a warning shot in the ceiling to defend herself from a life-threatening beating from her estranged husband. Despite the fact that Marissa caused no injuries and has no previous criminal record, and despite the fact that Florida's self-defense law includes the right to "Stand Your Ground," she was subsequently arrested, prosecuted, and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Free Marissa Now is a coalition of organizers and people who have Marissa's back and who are mobilizing to support her freedom from prison.

Take action to free Marissa Alexander...

1. Donate to Marissa's legal defense fund at www.justice4marissa.com
2. Write to Marissa and tell her you support her! Her faith is still strong and she would gladly receive your genuine support. You can send your card or letter to: Marissa Alexander, #J46944, Lowell Annex, 11120 NW Gainesville, Rd, Ocala, FL 34482. More details about sending mail can be found here: <http://freemarissanow.tumblr.com/letters>
3. Take action against mass incarceration and domestic violence! Organize discussions and workshops about domestic and sexual violence, explore community strategies for safety and support, resist the criminalization of our communities.
4. Ask your organizations, unions, faith networks and other communities to endorse the call to Free Marissa Alexander. Let us know at FreeMarissaNow@gmail.com so we can add them to the growing list of supporters.
5. Sign this petition at change.org: tinyurl.com/freemarissa
6. Spread the word with friends, families, communities, co-workers, and via social media. Take direct action! Organize a march and rally, a speak out, a flash mob dance party, a concert, a block party, or a fundraiser. Use media! Create zines, short videos, postcards, music, and poetry.
7. Write letters to the editor to your local news media.
8. Join us! We're holding bimonthly conference calls to build an international mobilization to Free Marissa Alexander. For more information, e-mail us at freemarissanow@gmail.com.

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