



Rockland Coalition
for Peace & Justice

Mother's Day for Peace



Julia Ward Howe

This Mother's Day (May 10th), thousands of mothers who have lost their children to the war in Iraq, will mark the occasion with a broken heart.

Mother's Day was originated to protest the carnage of the Civil War.

In "Mother's Day Proclamation" written in 1870, Julia Ward Howe asked women to rise up to stop wars!

Mother's Day Proclamation

by Julia Ward Howe, author of *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
Boston, 1870

Arise, then, women of this day!

Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of fears! Say firmly:

We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies.

Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.

From the bosom of the devastated earth, a voice goes up with our own. It says "**Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice.**"



Join our 338th Peace Vigil to end the war!

Every Saturday, 1-3pm, at Rte. 59 & N. Middletown Rd. in Nanuet, NY

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