Vigil Ritual

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Everyone stands around the ritual leaders holding their flowers

Ritual leader speaks:

We are Godmothers of the Disappeared.

We are here because we love our children.

We are here to tell our children who have been taken, we have not forgotten you. We will not rest until you are in our arms again.

We are here to tell our children in uniform, do the right thing. Return your brothers, sisters, and siblings safely to their homes. Lay down your weapons. You don't need to be afraid. Your mothers love you. You are safe.

We are here to tell the world that we are watching. We know the power of kinship, and we are here to remind everybody that we are stronger together than we are apart. When we have each other there is no reason to be scared.

Participants stand in a single file line and place their flowers in front of an officer. As each person drops their flower, they say the name of someone who has been disappeared, or "for the disappeared."

After people have placed their flowers they are free to go.