"Do not be afraid of enemies - in the worst case, they can kill you. Do not be afraid of friends - in the worst case, they can betray you. Fear the indifferent - they do not kill and do not betray, but only with their tacit consent there is betrayal and murder on earth." (Robert Eberhardt "King Pithecanthropus the Last" /. Bruno Jasensky "Conspiracy of the Indifferent")

## **STOP THE WAR!**

In these days of February, when Putin and the government of Russia headed by him unleashed a senseless and merciless war against the Ukrainian people and their free state, we express our anger and indignation to Russia.

We are with the Ukrainian people in their struggle for life and freedom, and, as it has already become clear, for the fate of all mankind. These are not pretentious words, this is the objective reality, the realization of which has already been paid for with immeasurable human suffering, grief and blood.

Leo Tolstoy, one of the greatest writers and thinkers of the world, the author of the unprecedented novel "War and Peace" and a participant in the defense of Sevastopol in the Crimean War in the middle of the 19th century, addressed the following words to the participants of the Peace Congress in Stockholm at the beginning of the 20th century \*: "Dear Brothers,

We are here to fight against the war. Wars, i.e. that for which all the peoples of the world, millions and millions of people, put at the uncontrolled disposal of several dozen people or sometimes one person, not only billions of rubles, thalers, francs, yen, representing a large share of the savings of their labor, but themselves, their lives. ... In their hands [in the hands of criminal governments] are billions of money, millions of obedient troops, in our hands is only one, but the most powerful means in the world - the truth. Our victory is undoubted, but only on one condition, given that, while expressing the truth, we will express it in its entirety, without any deals, concessions or mitigations...

.. The truth is that a person cannot and should never, under any circumstances, under any pretext, kill another. ... War ..., like any murder, [is] a vile and criminal thing, both for those people who freely choose military activity, and for those who, out of fear of punishment or out of mercenary views, choose it ...

It will seem surprising not that we dare to fight, but that there is still something against which we must fight."

The appalling thing is that these words are also relevant today, 100 years later, in the first quarter of the 21st century.

Fear the indifferent. The war must be stopped, and those who unleashed it must be punished! Glory to Ukraine and its courageous defenders!