

Erika Kirk Forgives Charlie's Killer in Heartbreaking Memorial Speech

In a courageous and emotional memorial speech to a crowd of 100,000+ with millions more watching online, Erika Kirk, the widow of conservative Christian advocate Charlie Kirk, spoke Sunday about her unbearable loss and the unstoppable mission of her husband.

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While grieving Charlie's untimely death at the hands of an assassin, Erika honored his world-changing Christian faith, his mission to improve the world through dialogue, and the blessed life he shared with her, their two children, and America.

With her own deep Christian faith on display, she bravely offered forgiveness to the shooter who killed Charlie, saying, "My husband, Charlie, he wanted to save young men just like the one who took his life..."



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"On the cross, our Savior said: 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.' That man—that young man—I forgive him. I forgive him because it's what Christ did. And it's what Charlie would do."

"The answer to hate is not hate. The answer—we know from the gospel—is love. Always love. Love for our enemies. Love for those who persecute us," she shared.

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