

‘God Alone Saved Me’: Trump Reflects on Anniversary of Assassination Attempt, Says God Preserved Him

President Donald Trump is reflecting on the one-year anniversary of the day a failed assassin attempted to end his life at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, saying he is confident it was God who saved him for a “righteous purpose.”

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“It remains my firm conviction that God alone saved me that day for a righteous purpose: to restore our beloved Republic to greatness and to rescue our Nation from those who seek its ruin,” the president wrote in a lengthy statement posted to the White House website.

Trump, 79, said the shooter, 20-year-old Thomas Crooks, “came within a quarter inch of ending my life and silencing our movement to restore American greatness” but credited “the hand of providence and the grace of Almighty God” for his life being spared.

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“As we commemorate one year since the harrowing events of July 13, 2024,” he wrote, “we reaffirm that the American spirit has and will always triumph over forces of evil and destruction.”

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The president continued:

Those who carry scars from that July evening defended our Republic during one of our Nation's darkest hours—running to the injured amid chaos and uncertainty to provide comfort and lifesaving care. Doctors and first responders rushed to help the wounded, rallygoers guided their fellow citizens to safety, and patriots raised their fists in the air in an outpouring of support and national pride. These men and women arrived at the rally grounds as ordinary Americans, but left as heroes. They represent the very best of our Nation, and we are forever indebted for their kindness and compassion.

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He then turned toward honoring Corey Comperatore, a former fire chief and volunteer firefighter from Buffalo Township, Pennsylvania, who was killed at the rally. The 50-year-old Comperatore died heroically, shielding his wife and daughters from stray bullets.

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