

The Legend of the Icelandic Pastor Who Appeared to Stop a Lava Flow

As a scientist, I'd advise that if a prolonged lava flow happened to be heading your way, I'd not sit still and pray.

You're very welcome to any religious inclinations you may have, but unless you've got quite a powerful water cannon system set up, explosives that can change the landscape and redirect the flow, or a literally magical method to somehow plug up the erupting volcano in the first place—then praying won't really do much ... unless, of course, you speak to those who witnessed the famous Fire Mass of July 1783 over in Iceland.

Miracles—either genuine acts of a higher supernatural power or religious and/or superstitious anecdotes, depending on your inclinations—have “occurred” all over the world. They range from the personal and medical to the environmental and the astronomical, but I rather shamefully only recently found out that one such miracle involved a volcanic eruption. I'm sure there are more, but for now, the tale of a fairly idiosyncratic priest over in the land of ice and fire simply must be told.

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