

Janazah Prayer

1. Try and attend the prayer of a deceased even if you do not know him/her.
2. Remember that the entire Janazah Prayer is performed while standing. Like any other prayer, this prayer is also offered facing Qibla.
3. Form at least three rows. The body of the deceased should be kept in front of the Imam.
4. The Imam stands approximately by the center of the body if the deceased is a male and by the shoulder if the deceased is a female.
5. If the prayer to be offered is for more than one person, then the bodies should be placed one in front of the other male body closest to the Imam and female body further away.
6. The following procedure is used to offer the Janazah prayer

<u>Imam</u>	<u>Followers</u>
Takbeer #1: Raise hands and says Allah u-Akbar loudly, Recite Thana And Surah Fatiha silently	Say:Allah u-Akbar silently Recite Thana and Surah Fatiha silently
Takbeer # 2: With hands folded says Allah u-Akbar loudly Invoke peace and Blessings on the Holy Prophet	With hands folded say Allah u-Akbar Invoke Peace and Blessings on the Holy Prophet
Takbeer # 3:Hands still folded says Allah u-Akbar loudly Recites Dua for the deceased	Hands still folded say Allah u-Akbar silently Recite Dua for the deceased
Takbeer # 4:Hands folded says Allah u-Akbar Loudly and immediately thereafter Loudly calls Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah (twice), turning the head First to the right and then to the left.	Hands folded say Allah u-Akbar silently and say Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullah (once) turning the head To the right and then again turning the Head to the left.

7. This concludes the Janazah Prayer.

For Funeral Prayer, Sana is recited as follows:

Subhaanaka allaahumma wa bihamdika wa tabaaraka ismuka wa ta'aala jadduka wa jalla thannaa-uka wa laal ilaaha ghayruka

Translation: Glory be to you Oh Allah, and praise be to You, and blessed is your name, and exalted is Your Majesty, and there is none to be served besides.

Invoking Peace and Blessings on the Holy Prophet as given below:

Allaahumma salli alaa muhammadin wa alaa muhammadin kama sallayta alaa ibraaheema wa alaa aali ibraaheema innaka hameedun majeed. Allahumma baarik alaa muhammadin wa alaa aali muhammadin kamaa baarakta alaa ibraheema wa alaa aali ibraheema innaka hameedun majeedun.

Translation: Oh Allah ! Shower Your mercy upon Muhammad (upon him be peace) and the followers of Muhammad (upon him be peace), as You showered Your mercy upon Ibrahim (Alayhis salaam) and the followers of Ibrahim (Alayhis salaam). Behold You are Praise worthy, Glorious. Oh Allah! Shower Your blessing upon Muhammad (upon him be peace), as you showered Your blessings upon Ibrahim (Alayhis salaam) and the followers of Ibrahim (Alayhis salaam). Behold You are Praise worthy, Glorious.

This is the Dua that is recited after the third Takabeer:

Allaahumma ighfir lihayyinaa, wa mayyitinaa, wa shaahidinaa, wa ghaa-ibinaa, wa sagheerinaa, wa kabeerinaa, wa dhakarinaa wa unthaanaa. Allaahumma man ahyaytahoo minnaa fa ahyihee alal islaam wa man tawaffaytahoo minnaa fatawaffahoo alal iemaan.

Translation: Oh Allah ! Forgive those of us that are alive and those of us that are dead; those of us that are present, and those of us who are absent: those of that are young, and those of us that are adults; our males and females. Oh Allah! Whomsoever of us You keep alive, let him live as a follower of Islam, and whomsoever You cause to die, let him die as a Believer.

If the deceased is a male child, the invocation is:

Allaahumma ij'alhu lanaa faratan, wa j'alhu lanaa ajran wa dhukharn wa j'alhu lanaa shaafi'an wa mushaffa'an.

If the deceased is a female child, the invocation is:

Allaahumma ij'alhu lanaa faratan, wa j'alhaa lanaa ajraan wa dhukhran wa j'alhaa lanaa shaafi'atan wa mushaffa'atan.

Translation: Oh Allah, make him/her (this child) a source for our salvation; and make him/her a source of reward and treasure for us; and make him/her an intercessor for us, and one whose intercession is accepted.