

The Funeral Prayer (Salatul-Mayyit)

The funeral prayer is obligatory for every mature Muslim and a child not less than six years of age.

- In the Funeral Prayer, Wudhu', Ghusl or Tayammum are not conditional nor purity of the body or clothing. However, the recommended precaution is to observe all of the matters considered in other prayers.
- It is obligatory to face the Qiblah in the Funeral Prayer. The deceased is laid on his back in front of the worshippers whereas the head of the deceased is to the right of the worshipper's and his feet are to the left of the worshipper's
- When the deceased was buried without the Funeral Prayer intentionally, due to forgetfulness or some excuse, or the prayer is known to be invalid after the burial, the prayer is obligatory upon his grave.

The Method of Prayer upon the Deceased (SHORT)

- The Funeral Prayer is considered as five Takbeeraat. If the worshippers perform five Takbeeraat only in the following order, it is sufficient:

1-After niyyat, the intention, the **Takbeer** is recited and (the worshipper) says:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

I bear witness that there is no God besides Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah

2-To say after the **second** Takbeer:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Oh Allah, send salutations upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad

3-To say after the **third** Takbeer:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

Oh Allah, Forgive the believing men and the believing women

4-To say after the **fourth** Takbeer (if the deceased is a male):

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِهَذَا الْمَيِّتِ

Oh Allah, Forgive this deceased man

(If the deceased is a female say:)

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ الْمَيِّتِ

Oh Allah, Forgive this deceased woman

5-Then, say the **fifth Takbeer (ending the prayer).**

The Method of Prayer upon the Deceased (LONG)

1. اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، أَرْسَلَهُ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيِ السَّاعَةِ

I bear witness that there is no God besides Allah, He is alone, and He has no partner. I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger, sent as a bearer of good tidings and a bearer of warnings of the Hour before us

And say after the **second Takbeer**:

2. اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَارْحَمْ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ كَأَفْضَلِ مَا صَلَّيْتَ وَبَارَكْتَ وَتَرَحَّمْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، وَصَلِّ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَجَمِيعِ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

Oh Allah, send salutations upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad. Bestow blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad and have Mercy upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad as the most virtuous of what You have blessed and bestowed blessings and showed mercy to Abraham and the family of Abraham, surely, You are the Praise Worthy, Majestic. Blessings upon all of the Prophets and the Messengers, the Martyrs and Truthful and all of the servants of Allah.

Then, say after the **third Takbeer**:

3. اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، تَابِعْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُمْ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ إِنَّكَ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Oh Allah, Forgive the believing men and the believing women; the submissive men and the submissive women; the living among them and the dead. Make good to follow between them and between us. Surely, You are the Answerer of supplications. Surely, You are capable of all things.

Then, after the **fourth** Takbeer, if the deceased is a male, say:

4. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا عَبْدُكَ وَابْنُ عَبْدِكَ وَابْنُ أَمَتِكَ، نَزَلَ بِكَ، وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْزُولٍ بِهِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا لَا نَعْلَمُ مِنْهُ إِلَّا خَيْرًا وَأَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنَّا، اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ مُحْسِنًا فَزِدْ فِي إِحْسَانِهِ وَإِنْ كَانَ مُسِيئًا فَتَجَاوَزْ عَنْهُ وَاعْفِرْ لَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ عِنْدَكَ فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ وَاخْلُفْ عَلَى أَهْلِهِ فِي الْغَابِرِينَ وَارْحَمْهُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Oh Allah, this is Your servant, son of Your male servant and Your female servant coming to You and You are the best One to come to. Oh Allah, surely, we know nothing of him except good and You know better of him than we. Oh Allah, if he was good, then, increase his goodness and if he was bad, then, disregard (his bad deeds). Oh Allah, place him with You in the highest of the springs of heaven; appoint for him a successor in the post time; have mercy upon him by Your Mercy Oh the Most Merciful of those having Mercy.

If the deceased was a female, after the **fourth** Takbeer you say:

5. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذِهِ أَمَتُكَ وَابْنَةُ عَبْدِكَ وَابْنَةُ أَمَتِكَ، نَزَلَتْ بِكَ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْزُولٍ بِهِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا لَا نَعْلَمُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا خَيْرًا وَأَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهَا مِنَّا، اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَتْ مُحْسِنَةً فَزِدْ فِي إِحْسَانِهَا وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مُسِيئَةً فَتَجَاوَزْ عَنْهَا وَاعْفِرْ لَهَا، اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهَا عِنْدَكَ فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ وَاخْلُفْ عَلَى أَهْلِهَا فِي الْغَابِرِينَ وَارْحَمْهَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Oh Allah, this is Your servant, daughter of Your female servant coming to You and You are the best One to come to. Oh Allah, surely, we know nothing of her except good and You know better of her than we. Oh Allah, if she was good, then, increase her goodness and if she was bad, then, disregard her bad deeds). Oh Allah, place her with You in the highest of the springs of heaven; appoint for her a successor in the post time; have mercy upon her by Your Mercy Oh the Most Merciful of those having Mercy.

It is recommended to perform the prayer upon the deceased in congregation, however, it is necessary for those who perform the prayer upon the deceased that they perform the Takbeeraat and supplications and recited these supplications, as has passed, as a recommended act. It is permitted to recite it from a book when it is not memorized.

Namaz Mayyit in a Glance

One. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَ رَسُولُهُ أَرْسَلَهُ بِالْحَقِّ بَشِيرًا وَ نَذِيرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيِ السَّاعَةِ

Two. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ ارْحَمْ مُحَمَّدًا وَ آلَ مُحَمَّدٍ كَأَفْضَلِ مَا صَلَّيْتَ وَ بَارَكْتَ وَ تَرَحَّمْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ وَ صَلِّ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَ الشَّهَدَاءِ وَ الصَّادِقِينَ وَ جَمِيعِ عِبَادِ اللهِ الصَّالِحِينَ

Three. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأَمْوَاتِ تَابِعْ بَيْنَنَا وَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ إِنَّكَ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Four. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذَا عَبْدُكَ وَ ابْنُ عَبْدِكَ وَ ابْنُ أُمَّتِكَ نَزَلَ بِكَ وَ أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْزُولٍ بِهِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا لَا نَعْلَمُ مِنْهُ إِلَّا خَيْرًا وَ أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنَّا اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ مُحْسِنًا فَزِدْ فِي إِحْسَانِهِ وَ إِنْ كَانَ مُسِيئًا فَتَجَاوَزْ عَنْهُ وَ اغْفِرْ لَهُ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ عِنْدَكَ فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ وَ اخْلُفْ عَلَى أَهْلِهِ فِي الْغَابِرِينَ وَ ارْحَمْهُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Five. اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكَ وَ ابْنَةُ عَبْدِكَ وَ ابْنَةُ أُمَّتِكَ نَزَلَتْ بِكَ وَ أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْزُولٍ بِهِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا لَا نَعْلَمُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا خَيْرًا وَ أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهَا مِنَّا اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَتْ مُحْسِنَةً فَزِدْ فِي إِحْسَانِهَا وَ إِنْ كَانَتْ مُسِيئَةً فَتَجَاوَزْ عَنْهَا وَ اغْفِرْ لَهَا اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهَا عِنْدَكَ فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ وَ اخْلُفْ عَلَى أَهْلِهَا فِي الْغَابِرِينَ وَ ارْحَمْهَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ