

Performing Salat Al Janazah (Funeral Prayer)

You might be thinking why we have included a section on the Funeral Prayer on a Hajj website ... most people only pray the janazah prayer once or twice a year, and even then they usually don't know how to pray it properly.

At Hajj; you will pray the Janazah Salah (the funeral prayer) 5 times a day, so you should learn how to perform this prayer before leaving for Hajj.

Women should not miss this opportunity to perform the Janazah salah, as they may not have many other places or instances where they may have this opportunity.

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reports that Allah's Messenger (e) said:

"He who offered prayer over the dead, but did not follow the bier, for him is the reward of one qirat, and he who followed it, for him is the reward of two qirats. It was asked what the qirats were. He said the smaller among the two is equivalent to Uhud." (Muslim)

How to perform Janazah Salah

- Follow the Imam
- There are 4 takbir's. After the 1st takbir, read Surah-al-Fatiha

2. After the 2nd takbir, read the Salawaat - "Allaahumma sallee alaa Muhammad...". It is better if you recite the whole Salat-ul-Ibrahimiyyah

3. After the 3rd takbir, make dua for the deceased

"Allahumma ighfir lihaayina wa mayitina wa shaahidina wa ghaa'ibina wa sagheerina wa kabeerina wa dhakarina wa unthaana. Allahumma man ahyaytahu minna fa ahyihi 'ala'l-Islam wa man tawaffaytahu minna fa tawiffahu 'ala'l -eemaan. Allahumma ighfir lahu warhamhu wa 'aafihi wa a'fu 'anhu, wa akrim nuzulahu wa wassi' madkhalahu waghsilhu bi'l -maa' wa'l -thalj wa'l -barad, wa naqqihi min al-khataaya kama yunaqqa' althawb al-abyad min al-danas. Allahumma abdilhu daaran khayra min daarihi wa ahlan khayra min ahlihi. Allahumma adkhillhu al-jannah wa a'idhhu min 'adhaab il-qabri wa min 'adhaab il-naar wa afsah lahu fi qabrihi wa nawwir lahu fihi. Allahumma laa tahrimna ajrahu wa la tadillanaa ba'dahu"

(O Allah, forgive our living and our dead, those who are present among us and those who are absent, our young and our old, our males and our females. O Allah, whoever You keep alive, keep him alive in Islam, and whoever You cause to die, cause him to die with faith. O Allah, forgive him and have mercy on him, keep him safe and sound and forgive him, honour the place where he settles and make his entrance wide; wash him with water and snow and hail, and cleanse him of sin as a white garment is cleansed of dirt. O Allah, give him a house better than his house and a family better than his family. O Allah, admit him to Paradise and protect him from the torment of the grave and the torment of Hell-fire; make his grave spacious and fill it with light. O Allah, do not deprive us of the reward and do not cause us to go astray after this)."

All of this was narrated from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

If you make du'a with other words, this is permissible. For example, one could say,

"Allahumma in kaana muhsinan fa zid fi ihsaanihi wa in kaana musee'an fa tajaawaz 'an sayi'atihi. Allahumma ighfir lahu wa thabbit-hu bi'l-qawl il-thaabit

(O Allah, if he was a doer of good, then increase his good deeds, and if he was a wrongdoer, then overlook his bad deeds. O Allah, forgive him and give him the strength to say the right thing)."

4. After the 4th takbir, pause for a little while, then you say one Tasleem to the right, saying "Assalaamu 'alaykum wa rahmat-Allah." Make tasleem, to the right only.

There are many pilgrims that either sit or perform sunnah or nafl salah during the janazah salah. You can always perform your sunnah salah later.