

# How to Perform SALATUL JANAZAH

For all Madhabs  
(Shafi, Hanafi, Hanbali, Maliki)

In many ahadith, the Prophet Muhammed(S) emphasized and encouraged the Muslims to attend funeral ceremonies. Every Muslim male should try his best to fulfill his duty towards the deceased. If no one from the whole of the Muslim Community offers the Janazah Prayers, then the whole community will be considered sinful in the sight of Allah(SWT). If some of the people offer the Janazah prayer then the whole community will be saved from the anger of Allah(SWT). There are 4 Takbeers in funeral prayer in Islam.

(Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 2, Hadith #337).



- (1a) 1. Facing Qiblah, make Intention (Niyyah) for Salaatul Janazah upon the deceased male or female in order to please Allah (SWT). Without Iqamah the Imam will recite Takbeer. You will then raise your hands between the shoulders & ears (1a) and recite Takbeer:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

**Al-laahu Akbar**  
"Allah is the Great"

"O Allah shower Your Blessings on Muhammad(S), as You did shower Your Blessings on Ibraheem(A) and the descendants of Ibraheem(A), You are the Praiseworthy, the Glorious. O Allah, Glorify Muhammad() and the descendants of Muhammad(S), as You did Glorify Ibraheem(A) and the descendants of Ibraheem(A), You are the Praiseworthy, the Glorious. "

3. Then say Takbeer: Alaahu-Akbar, {Raise hands as shown in position 1a and then return to position 1b. Hanifi: Hands are not raised, kept in same position as 1b}. Then say the Dua for the Deceased:



- (1b) Fold the arms, right hand over left (1b) and {according to Hanafi you read any Du'a such as below}. {According to Shafi, Hanbali, and Maliki it is mandatory to recite Surat al-Fatiha}.

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ  
وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ وَجَلَّ ثَنَاءُكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

**Sub-haa-nakal-laah-hum-ma wa bihamdika  
wa-ta-baara-kasmuka wa-ta-'aala jad-duka wa  
jal-la thanaa-uka wa laa-ilaaha ghayruk**

"Glory be to You, o Lord, all Praises are due unto You, and blessed is Your name and high is Your majesty and Your praises are elevated and none is worthy of worship but You."



اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا  
وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا  
اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ  
وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ  
اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَحْرِمْنَا أَجْرَهُ وَلَا تُضِلَّنَا بَعْدَهُ

**Al-laah-hum-magh-fir lee-hay-yinaa wa may-yiti-  
naa, wa shahididinaa wa ghaa-'ibinaa wa  
sagheerinaa wa-kabeerinaa, wa z(th)a-karinaa  
wa unthaana. Al-laah-hu-ma man aah'yaytuhu  
min-naa fa-ah' yihee 'alal Islam, wa man  
ta-waf-faytahu min-naa fata waf-fahu 'alal  
eeman allaahumma laa tahrimnaa ajrahu, wa  
laa tuqillanaa ba'dah.**

"O Allah, forgive our people who are still alive and those who have passed away, forgive those who are present here and those who are absent, forgive our young and elderly, forgive our males and females. O Allah, the one whom You wish to keep alive from among us make him live according to Islam, and anyone whom You wish to die from among us, let him die in the state of Iman (Belief). O Allah, do not deprive us of his reward and do not let us stray, after him."



2. Then say Takbeer: Alaahu-Akbar, {Raise hands as shown in position 1a and then return to position 1b. Hanifi: Hands are not raised, kept in same position as 1b}. Then recite Assalatul-Ibrahimiyyah (Salutations on The Prophet (S) (Durood-e-Ibrahim). All Madhabs agree upon this:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

**Al-laah hum-ma sal-li 'alaa Muhammadi(n)w  
wa-'alaa aali Muhammadin, kamaa sal-layta  
'alaa Ibraheema wa 'alaa aali Ibraheema, in  
naka hameedum majeed. Al-laahum-ma baarik  
'alaa Muhammadi(n)w wa-'alaa aali Muhamma-  
din, kamaa barakta 'alaa Ibraheema wa'alaa aali  
Ibraheema, in-naka hameedum majeed.**



4. Then say Takbeer: Al-laahu-Akbar, {Raise hands as shown in position 1a and then return to position 1b. Hanifi: Hands are not raised, kept in same position as 1b}. Then say:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ

**As-salaamu alaykum wa rah-matullaah**  
"Peace upon you, and the mercy of Allah"

once whilst turning your head to the right (4a).  
{Hanafi: Repeat, this time turning the head to the left}.