

Mayyit prayer

Issue No.1- It is obligatory to offer Mayyit prayer for every Muslim, as well as for a Muslim child, as an obligatory precaution, if it has completed 6 years of its age.

Issue No.2- Mayyit prayer should be offered after the dead body has been given Ghushl, Hunnut and Kafan, and before burial.

Issue No.3- It is not necessary for a person who offers Mayyit prayer to be in Wudhu or Ghushl or tayammum.

Issue No.4- One who offers Mayyit prayer should face the Qibla, and it is also obligatory that at the time of Mayyit prayer, the dead body remains before him, in a manner that its head is on his right and its feet on his left side.

Issue No.5- If the deceased had made a will that a particular person should lead the prayer for him, it is Wajib to act according to that will.

Issue No.6- If a dead body is buried without Mayyit prayer, either intentionally or forgetfully, on account of an excuse, or if it transpires after its burial that the prayers offered for it was void, it will not be permissible to dig up the grave for Mayyit prayer. But it is wajib to offer Mayyit prayer in front of its grave.

Issue No.7- There are 5 takbirs (saying Allahu Akbar) in Mayyit prayer and it is sufficient if a person recites those 5 takbirs in the following order:

- After making Niyyat to offer the prayers and pronouncing the 1st takbir he should say: *Ash hadu an la ilaha illallah wa anna Muhammadan Rasulullah.* (I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger).
- After the 2nd takbir he should say: *Allahumma salli ala Muhammadin wa aali Muhammad, wa salli alal anbiai wal mursalin.* (O' Lord! Bestow peace and blessing upon Muhammad and his descendants, and

bestow peace and blessing upon the prophets and messengers).

- After the 3rd takbir he should say: *Allahummaghfir lil mu'minina wal mu'minat.* (O' Lord! Forgive all believers - men as well as women).
- After the 4th takbir he should say: *Allahummaghfir li hazal mayyit.* (O' Lord! Forgive this dead body). If the dead person is a woman, he should say: *Allahummaghfir li hazihil mayyit.* Thereafter he should pronounce the 5th takbir.

Issue No.8- It is Mustahab that he should pronounce the following supplications after the Takbirs respectively:

- After the 1st takbir: Ash hadu an la ilaha illallahu wahdahu la sharika lah. Wa Ashhadu anna Muhammadan 'abduhu wa Rasuluh, arsalahu bil haqqi bashiran wa naziran bayna yadayis sa'ah.
- After the 2nd takbir: Allahumma salli ala Muhammadin wa aali Muhammad wa barik 'ala Muhammadin wa aali Muhammad warham Muhammadan wa aala Muhammadin ka afzali ma sallayta wa barakta wa tarahhamta 'ala Ibrahima wa aali Ibrahima innaka Hamidum Majid wa salli ala jami'il anbiai wal-mursalina wash-shuhada'i was-siddiqina wa jami'i 'ibadillahis-salihin.
- After the 3rd takbir: Allahummaghfir lil mu'minina wal mu'minati wal muslimina wal muslimat, al ahya'i minhum wal amwat. Tabi' baynana wa baynahum bil khayrati innaka mujibud-daa'wat innaka 'ala kulli shay'in Qadeer.
- After the 4th takbir: Allahumma inna haza 'abduka wabnu 'abdika wabnu amatika nazala bika wa anta khayru manzulin bihi Allahumma inna la na'lamu minhu illa khayra wa anta a'alamu bihi minna. Alla humma in kana mohsinan fa zid fi ihsanihi wa in kana musian fatajawaz anhu waghfir lahu. Allahummaj'alhu indaka fi a'la illiyyin wakhluf ala ahlihi fil ghabirin warhamhu bi-rahmatika ya arhamar Rahimin.

If the dead body is that of a woman he should say:

Alla humma inna hazihi 'amatuka wabnatu 'abdika wabnatu amatika nazalat bika wa anta khayru manzulin bihi Allahumma inna la na'lamu minha illa khayra wa anta a'alamu biha minna. Allahumma in

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musi'atan fatajawaz 'anha waghfir laha.
Allahummaj'alha indaka fi a'la illiyin wakhluf ala ahliha
fil ghabirin warhamha bi-rahmatika ya ar hamar
Rahimin.

Thereafter he should pronounce the 5th Takbir.
