

Ṣalāh and hides the unpleasant thing that appears, he will be as cleansed of his sins as he was on the day when born from his mother's womb." (*Sunan-e-ibn-e-Mājah*, V2, P201, Ḥadīṣ No. 1462)

What to Recite on Seeing a Funeral!

After the death of Ḥaḍrat Sayyidunā Malik bin Anas رضي الله عنه, someone saw him in a dream and asked, "How did Allāh عز وجل treat you?" He replied, "I was blessed with forgiveness just because of a sentence which Ḥaḍrat Sayyidunā 'Uṣmān-e-Ghanī رضي الله عنه used to say on seeing a funeral: **سُبْحَانَ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ** [Pure is He (from all defects / limitations) who is alive and will never die]. Hence, I also used to recite the same sentence on seeing funeral; Allāh عز وجل forgave me because of reciting it." (Derived from *Ihyā-ul-'Ulūm*, V5, P266)

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

The Funeral Ṣalāh is Farḍ-e-Kifāyah

The funeral Ṣalāh is Farḍ-e-Kifāyah, i.e. if even a single person offered it, everyone would be relieved of the obligation; if no one offered, all those who were aware of it will be sinners. (*Fatāwā-e-Tātār Khāniyyah*, V2, P153) Jamā'at is not a condition for this Ṣalāh; if even one person offered it, the Farz will be fulfilled. (*Fatāwā-e-'Alamgīrī*, VI, P162) The denial of its Farḍiyyat (obligation) is Kufr (infidelity). (*Fatāwā-e-Tātār Khāniyyah*, Vol-2, P154)

There are two Units and three Sunnah in the Funeral Prayer

The two Units are:

1. To recite اللهُ أَكْبَرُ four times
2. Qiyām

The three Sunnah-e-Muakkadah are:

1. Sana
2. Durūd Sharīf
3. Supplication for the deceased. (*Durr-e-Mukhtār, Rad-dul-Muhtār*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Method of Funeral Ṣalāh (Ḥanafī)

Muqtadī should make the following intention: 'I make the intention of offering funeral Ṣalāh for Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and making supplication for this dead person, following this Imām.' (*Fatāwā-e-Tātār Khāniyyah, V2, P153*) Now Imām and the Muqtadīs should raise their hands up to their ears and fold them below the navel as usual whilst saying اللهُ أَكْبَرُ, and then recite Sana. After 'وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ' read 'وَجَلَّ شَمَاءُكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ'. Then, without raising the hands, say اللهُ أَكْبَرُ and recite Durūd-e-Ibrahim. Without raising the hands again, say اللهُ أَكْبَرُ and now recite the supplication (the Imām should say the Takbīrāt loudly

whilst the Muqtadīs should say in low volume. Both Imām and Muqtadīs should recite remaining invocations in low volume).

After the supplication, say **اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ**, unfold the hands and perform Salām on both sides. (*Hāshiya-tuṭ-Taḥṭāwī*, P584)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Supplication for Funeral of Adults (Man and Woman)

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا
وَذَكَرِنَا وَأَنْتَنَا اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنْنَا فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ
تَوَقَّيْتَهُ مِنْنَا فَتَوَقَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ ط

Oh Allāh! اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا
and all those who are present and all those who are not present,
and all our young ones and all our old ones, and all our men and all
our women. Yā Allāh! اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا
Whomever you keep alive from among
us, keep him live in Islam, and whomever of us you make die, make
him die with faith.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Du'ā for a Male Minor

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا فَرَطًا وَاجْعَلْهُ لَنَا أَجْرًا وَدُخْرًا وَاجْعَلْهُ لَنَا

شَافِعًا وَمُشَفَّعًا ط

Oh Allāh! عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Make him fore-runner to become support for us, and make him recompense for us, and make him our intercessor, and the one whose intercession is accepted.

Du'ā for a Female Minor

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهَا لَنَا فَرَطًا وَاجْعَلْهَا لَنَا أَجْرًا وَدُخْرًا وَاجْعَلْهَا لَنَا

شَافِعَةً وَمُشَفَّعَةً ط

Oh Allāh! عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Make her fore-runner to become support for us, and make her recompense for us, and make her our intercessor, and the one whose intercession is accepted.

(Mishkāt-ul-Maṣābīh, P146, Fatāwā-e-'Alamgīrī, V1, P164)

To Offer Funeral Ṣalāh whilst Standing upon

Shoes

In case of offering the funeral Ṣalāh wearing the shoes, the shoes as well as the part of the earth beneath them must be pure, while, in case of offering the Ṣalāh placing the feet upon