

# Ṣalāt al-Mayyit

## PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Ṣalāt al-Mayyit is Wājib al-Kifāī. Wājib al-Kifāī is an obligation upon all Muslims, but if one individual performs it, then the obligation is lifted from all; however if no one fulfills it, then the entire community is responsible.

In offering this prayer, ritual purity of the body (wuḍū') and dress (ṭahārah) is recommended, but not necessary. While the prayer is offered in congregation, all congregants must join the Imām in reciting all the supplications in the prayer.

The shortened form of the prayer has five takbīrs, and between each takbīr, one must recite a short supplication. The format of the prayer is as follows:

### Perform Niyyah (Intention):

"I am performing Ṣalāt al-Mayyit for this deceased, qurbatan ila-Allāh ([and in so doing,] seeking proximity to Allāh)"

### Recite the first takbīr:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allāhu Akbar

Allāh is [the] Greatest

### Recite:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

Ash-hadu an lā ilāha illā-lāh wa ash-hadu anna Muḥammadan Rasūlullāh  
I bear witness that there is no god but Allāh and that Muḥammad is Allāh's  
Messenger.

### Recite the second takbīr:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Allāhu Akbar

Allāh is [the] Greatest

### Recite:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Allāhumma ṣallī `alā Muḥammadin wa āli Muḥammad  
O Allāh! Bless Muḥammad and his progeny.

Recite the third takbīr:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ  
Allāhu Akbar  
Allāh is [the] Greatest

Recite:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
Allāhumma-ghfir lil mu'minīna wa-l mu'mināt  
O Allāh! Forgive all believers - men as well as women

Recite the fourth takbīr:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ  
Allāhu Akbar  
Allāh is [the] Greatest

Recite (one of the two phrases):

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ هَذَا الْمَيِّتِ  
(if deceased is male): Allāhumma-ghfir li hādha-l mayyit

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِهَذِهِ الْمَيِّتِ  
(if deceased is female): Allāhumma-ghfir li hādhihi-l mayyit

O Allāh! Forgive this dead body

Recite the fifth takbīr to complete the prayer:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ  
Allāhu Akbar  
Allāh is [the] Greatest

Please recite a Sūrah al-Fātiḥa for all Marḥūmīn.