

Death is the gateway to Hereafter. This is the approach of the predestined time and end of the prescribed tenure of life in this world.

The physical body ceases to function. Soul is 'separated and transferred' from the body to a state known as *Alam-ul-Barzakh*, where it will remain till the Day of Judgment (Quran 23:100). Knowledge of the soul is with Allah only.

For a terminal patient under home care, the doctor will have instructed the family to contact nurse or the doctor or coroner in case of death. Keep their telephone numbers handy. If the patient is under hospital care, the nurses will update the family.

Once you see imminent signs of death, politely remind the person on the deathbed and help in reciting *Shahada*

لا إله إلا الله، مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

(*There is no god but Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah*). People may recite *sura Ya-Sin* (36th chapter of Quran).

Depending on the situation, remind the patient to beg pardon for his/her shortcomings from Allah and to say:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وارْحَمْنِي، وألْحِقْنِي بِالرَّحِيمِ الْأَعْلَى.

Transliteration: *Allahum-ighfirli wa arhamni wa alheqni bir-rafeeq al a'ala*

Translation: *O Allah! Forgive me, have mercy upon me, and unite me with highest (righteous) company.* Ref: Bukhari & Muslim.

If possible, turn the face of this person towards *Qibla* or legs towards *Qibla*, which is North-East from most parts of Canada.

Once death has occurred at the hospital or at home, close the eyes and recite the *du`a* that our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said

upon closing the eyes of Abu Salama (RA) upon his death.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ وارْفَعْ دَرَجَتَهُ فِي الْمَهْدِيِّينَ وَأَخْلِفْهُ فِي عَقْبِهِ فِي الْعَابِرِينَ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلَهُ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ افْسَحْ لَهُ فِي قَبْرِهِ وَتَوَرَّ لَهُ فِيهِ

Transliteration: *Allahumma ighfir lahu wa irfa` darajatuhu fi al-mahdiyyeen, wa ukhluf lahu fiaqbihi fi al-ghabireen, wa ighfir lanaa wa lahu, rabba al`aalameen, allahumma ifsah lahu fee gabrihee, wa noorihhi lahu feehi*

Translation: *O Allah! Forgive him, and raise his rank among the rightly guided. O Lord of the worlds! Appoint someone to take care of his family on his behalf, and forgive us and him. O Allah! Make his grave spacious and brighten it up for him.* –Muslim

Close the eyes by holding eyelids for a few minutes to set. Straighten arms to the side of the body and straighten the legs. If needed, you may lay one leg over the other to let it set.

With the help of some gauze from the nursing station, or with a piece of cloth, gently rap around the chin and tie it over the head so that mouth remains closed. Now, you may cover the body with a sheet.

At a time like this, we turn to Allah and ask for His support and Mercy by saying:

اللَّهُمَّ عِنْدَكَ أَحْتَسِبُ مُصِيبَتِي فَأَجِرْنِي فِيهَا وَأَبْدِلْنِي بِهَا خَيْرًا مِنْهَا

Transliteration: *Allahumma indaka ahtasibu museebatee, fa aajirnee feehaa wa abdilnee bihaa khayran minhaa.*

Translation: *O Allah! I seek rewards from You in my tragedy [as I accept your decision without complaint], so reward me, and follow up this tragedy with a beneficial outcome for me.*

In case where you might not be personally available to attend to the dying person, you may want to leave a request with the Nursing staff to

keep the mouth closed as described earlier and straighten the legs.

Next to kin or the family should ask the medical staff to release the body and issue the death certificate to facilitate the funeral service and burial without much delay. Also, tell them that autopsy (post-mortem) may not be done until and unless it is for any legal binding.

It is hard on the family, but consider organ donation if the deceased had in his will. Next to kin can also say **no** for this, even against the will of the deceased.

Contact the Social Work department of the hospital for any further help. This service can **guide** you in case the family is financially burdened for the funeral, especially if the deceased was getting social assistance from the government. In this case, there could be a short delay in releasing the body from the hospital.

At this stage, you may seek any help from Pastoral & Spiritual Care dept. of the hospital. Daily *salaat* can be performed by the family at the Meditation room of the hospital. Copy of Quran could be available from Meditation room or from the Spiritual care dept... Promptly return it back.

Call the masjid of your choice for the funeral service. ISNA's Islamic Centre of Canada (Masjid) has full service. Telephone numbers are in the front of this brochure. Collect necessary information about expenses etc. in advance.

Funeral Services:

ISNA's Islamic Centre of Canada, Mississauga
905-403-8406 x 240 (see front page for tel. #s)
Macca Masjid Brampton: 416-269-2786
(Cell 416-616-9527)
Jami Masjid Toronto 416-769-1192
(416-440-8878)

Islamic Foundation Scarborough
416-321-0909 (416-876-3000)
Madinah Masjid Toronto
416-465-7833 (Cell 416-830-9406)
Jafari Islamic Centre: 905-707-1100
Toronto Muslim Cemetery
416-931-1339 (416-230-5229)
Ismaili Council 905-755-0003
Ahmadiya community, Mississauga 905-206-1364
Government Assistance (Ont. Works)
905-793-9200
Emergency Social Assistance 905-451-6108

Remember: It is not right to hold burial for too long or to transport the body to another country. Hospitals do oblige if the body has to be held in their morgue (cold room) for 2-3 days - enquire.

Salaatuz Janaza (Funeral prayer)

1. Line up in odd numbers.
2. Imam will say **first Takbir** (*Allahu Akbar*).
3. Recite *Thana* & *Sura Fateha*, **Or** just *Thana*.
4. Imam will say **second Takbir**.
5. Recite *Salaat Ibrahimia* (*Darood-e-Ibrahim*).
6. Imam will say **third Takbir**.
7. Recite *Du`a* for the deceased.
8. Imam will say **fourth Takbir**, followed by *Salaam*.

(**Note:** Before *Salaam*, Imam may take extra few seconds. This is the time to say *Du`a* for all those who have passed away. *Salaam* may be to the right side only, or both sides, just follow the Imam).

Funeral prayer (*Du`a* - Supplication) for an adult deceased:

اللهم اغفر لحينا ولميتنا وشاهدنا وغائبنا وصغيرنا وكبيرنا وذكرنا
وأئتنا، اللهم من أحببته منا فأحبه على الإسلام ومن توفيته منا فتوفه
على الإيمان
اللهم لا تحرمنا أجره ولا تفتنهما بعده

Allahumma ighfir li hayyainaa, wa mayyitinaa, wa shaahidinaa wa ghaa`bana, wa sagheerinaa wa kabeerinaa, wa dhakarinaa wa unthaana. Allahumma man ahyaytahu minnaa fa ahyihi alal-Islaami, Wa man

tawaffaytahu minnaa fa tawaffahu alal-imaan. Allahumma laa tahrinnaa ajirahu wa laa taftinhua ba`dahu.

[O Allah! Forgive the living and the dead among us, those who are present and those who are absent, the young and the old, the males and the females. O Allah! If You decree anyone of us to live, then allow us to live according to Islam. If You decree any one of us to die, then allow us to die in a state of faith. O Allah! Do not deprive us of his/her rewards, and do not expose us to trial after his/her departure!]

Funeral Prayers (*Du`a*) for the child:

اللهم اجعله لهما فرطاً واجعله لهما سلفاً
واجعله لهما ذخراً وثقل به موازينهما
وأفرغ الصبر على قلوبهما ولا تفتنهما بعده
ولا تحرمهما أجره

Allahumma ij`alhu lahuma faratan, wa ij`alhu lahummaa salafan wa ija`lhu dhukhran, wa thaqqul bihi mawaazeenahumaa, wa afrigh as-sabra alaa quloobihimaa, wa laa taftinhumaa ba`dahu, wa laa tahrinhumaa ajirahu.

[O Allah! Grant (Paradise to) his/her parents, predecessor and ancestor. May he/she be their treasure kept therein and may their scales of judgment weigh heavily because of him/her. Instill patience in their hearts, do not expose them to trials after him/her, and do not deprive them of rewards (for patiently enduring) Your decree]

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has guided us at a tragedy like death, to say that we belong to Allah and to Him is our return and Allah to compensate something better due to this misfortune (and for having patience).

Your Notes



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah,
The most Beneficent & The most Benevolent

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

“Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi rajiuune”

To Allah we belong, & to Him is our return:
(Quran 2:156)

Attending the Dying Subsequent Arrangements & Prayers

(Islamic perspectives)

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ISNA Canada Headquarters
Islamic Centre of Canada (Mosque)
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(Check web site above – see ‘Funeral’)
Tel. 905-403-8406 Ext. 240, 206, 00

Emergency Funeral service: Cell # 416-904-5850