How to Perform

SALATUL JANAZAH For all Hanfi Madhab

In many hadiths, 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).

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

الله أَكْبَر

"Allah is the Great"

2. Then say Takbeer: Alaahu-Akbar, (Hands are not raised, kept in same position as 1b). Then recite Assalatul-Ibrahimiyah (Salutations on The Prophet (S) (Durood-e-Ibrahim).

3. Then say Takbeer: Alaahu-Akbar, (Hands are not raised, kept in same position as 1b). Then say the Dua for the Deceased:

اللَّهُمَّ أَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ لَهْبَتُنِّي وَمَيْتَنِّي وَشَاهِدَتِنِّي وَغَافِرَنِّي وَصَفَرِينِي وَكِبْرِيْنِي وَذَكَرُنِّي وَأَنْثَئِنَا اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ أَخْيَيْنِي مَنْ أَفْخَيْهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ وَمِنْ تَوْفِيقِهِ مَنْ أَفْتَقَهُ عَلَى الإِيمَانِ اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَحْرِمْنَا أَجْرَهُ وَلَا تَضْلَعْنَا بَعْدَهُ.

4. Then say Takbeer: Alaahu-Akbar, (Hands are not raised, kept in same position as 1b). Then say:

السَّلَّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ

"Peace upon you, and the mercy of Allah"

As-salaamu alaykum wa rahmatullaah

"Peace upon you, and the mercy of Allah"

Once whilst turning your head to the right (4a). (Repeat, this time turning the head to the left (4b).

All conditions for regular Salah are required for Salatul Janazah such as Cleanliness (Tahara), clean clothes, and being in the state of Wudu. The Imam should stand level with the head and shoulders of the dead body of a male, and should stand level with the abdomen of a female body. There is no fixed time for offering this prayer however Makruh times must be avoided for example, Sunrise (Zawaal) and Sunset. Janazah Salah is performed standing up, there is no Ruku, Sajdh, etc. There is also no Athan or Iqamah. If you have any questions then please ask a scholar.