



## South London Muslim Funeral Service

The ultimate form of success in the Islamic faith is the attainment of paradise where there is nearness to Allah (swt).  
May Allah guide us all to the Path of Jannah (Paradise)

### VISITING THE GRAVEYARD (QABRASTAN)

Rasulullah (S.A.W.) has mentioned: "Visit the graves, for surely visiting the graves lessens, worldly love and reminds you of the hereafter." The Qabrastaan could be visited on any day. Friday is preferred to this visit, and if possible it should be weekly visit. It has been related in a Hadith that: "Whoever will visit his parents' grave every Friday will be granted Maghfirat and he will be recorded as an obedient son of his parents.

#### WHAT TO READ WHEN ENTERING THE GRAVEYARD (QABRASTAN)

Rasulullah (S.A.W.) has taught the Sahaabah R. A., these words as salutation to the people of the graves and pray for their forgiveness:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الدِّيَارِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَإِنَّا  
إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ بِكُمْ لَاجِقُونَ ، نَسْتَلُ اللَّهَ لَنَا وَلَكُمْ الْعَافِيَةَ .

AS-SALĀMU 'ALAYKUM AHLAD-DIYĀRI MINAL MU'MINĪNA WAL  
MUSLIMĪNA WA INNĀ IN SHĀ-'ALLĀHU BIKUM LĀHIQŪN.  
NAS'ALUL-LĀHA LANĀ WALAKUMUL 'ĀFIYAH.

Peace be upon you, O you of the believers and Muslims dwelling in  
these abodes. Behold, if Allah wills, we shall meet you.  
We beseech Oh Allah safety for us and for you.

#### WHAT TO RECITE WHEN IN THE QABRASTAN.

There are many supplications that may be read at the grave side, the best being the recital of the Holy Qur'an stand facing the grave (back towards the Qibla) and recite as much of the Qur'an as possible and make Du'aa for the Maghfirat (forgiveness) of the departed. A few ways of praying for the dead, as related in the AHADEES, are given hereafter.

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Recite Surah IKHLAAS

11 times.

It is related in a Hadith that whoever visits the graveyard and recites Surah Al Ikhlas 11 times and then prays for the dead, will be rewarded as many fold as the number of dead in the graveyard. It has been reported in a Hadith that whoever visits the graveyard and recites the following chapters of Al Fatiha, Al Ikhlas and At Takathur and then prays for the dead, the people of the grave will also ask Allah for such a person's forgiveness.



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