

# TALQEEN

(Instructions to the deceased about fundamentals of faith)

After placing the deceased in the grave, recite the *Talqeen*. The person in the grave should place right hand on the right shoulder of the deceased, and the left hand on the left shoulder. The same person or another person should recite the *Talqeen*. The person whose hands are on the shoulder of the deceased should gently but firmly shake the shoulders of the deceased at recital of each set of instructions. (There is separate *Talqeen* for male, and for female.)

## *Talqeen* for a Deceased Male.

اسْمَعْ أَفْهَمْ، اسْمَعْ أَفْهَمْ، اسْمَعْ أَفْهَمْ يَا \_\_\_\_\_ ابْنَ \_\_\_\_\_ هَلْ أَنْتَ عَلَى الْعَهْدِ الَّذِي فَارَقْتَنَا  
عَلَيْهِ مِنْ شَهَادَةٍ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ وَسَيِّدُ النَّبِيِّينَ وَخَاتَمُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَأَنَّ عَلِيًّا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَسَيِّدَ الْوَصِيِّينَ وَ  
إِمَامًا فَتَرَضَ اللَّهُ طَاعَتَهُ عَلَى الْعُلَمَاءِ وَأَنَّ الْحَسَنَ وَالْحُسَيْنَ وَعَلِيَّ ابْنَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَمُحَمَّدَ ابْنَ  
عَلِيٍّ وَجَعْفَرَ ابْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَمُوسَى ابْنَ جَعْفَرٍ وَعَلِيَّ ابْنَ مُوسَى وَمُحَمَّدَ ابْنَ عَلِيٍّ وَعَلِيَّ ابْنَ  
مُحَمَّدٍ وَالْحَسَنَ ابْنَ عَلِيٍّ وَالْقَائِمَ الْحُجَّةَ الْمَهْدِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ أئمةُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَحُجَجِ  
اللَّهِ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِينَ وَأَيْمَتِكَ أئمةُ هُدَى أَبْرَارٍ، يَا \_\_\_\_\_ ابْنَ \_\_\_\_\_ إِذَا آتَاكَ الْمَلَكُ  
الْمُقَرَّبَانِ رَسُولَيْنِ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى وَسَلَاكَ عَنْ رَبِّكَ وَعَنْ نَبِيِّكَ وَعَنْ دِينِكَ  
وَعَنْ كِتَابِكَ وَعَنْ قِبْلَتِكَ وَعَنْ أَيْمَتِكَ فَلَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ وَقُلْ فِي جَوَابِهِمَا اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ  
رَبِّي وَمُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ نَبِيِّي وَالْإِسْلَامُ دِينِي وَالْقُرْآنُ كِتَابِي وَالْكَعْبَةُ قِبْلَتِي  
وَأَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ إِمَامِي وَالْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ الْمُجْتَبَى إِمَامِي وَالْحُسَيْنُ بْنُ  
عَلِيٍّ الشَّهِيدُ بَكْرًا إِمَامِي وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ زَيْنِ الْعَابِدِينَ إِمَامِي وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ بَاقِرُ عِلْمِ النَّبِيِّينَ إِمَامِي  
وَجَعْفَرُ بْنُ الصَّادِقِ إِمَامِي وَمُوسَى الْكَاظِمُ إِمَامِي وَ  
عَلِيُّ بْنُ الرِّضَا إِمَامِي وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْجَوَادِ إِمَامِي وَعَلِيُّ بْنُ الْهَادِي إِمَامِي وَالْحَسَنُ الْعَسْكَرِيُّ  
إِمَامِي وَالْحُجَّةُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ إِمَامِي هُوَ لِأَيِّ صَلَوَاتٍ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ أَيْمَتِي وَسَادَتِي وَقَادَتِي  
وَشَفَعَائِي بِهِمْ أَتَوَلَّى وَمَنْ أَعَدَّ لَهُمْ أَتَبَرَّى فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ثُمَّ أَعْلَمَ يَا \_\_\_\_\_ ابْنَ \_\_\_\_\_ أَنَّ اللَّهَ

تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى نِعْمَ الرَّبُّ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ نِعْمَ الرَّسُولُ وَأَنَّ أَمِيرَ  
 الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيًّا ابْنَ أَبِي طَالِبٍ وَأَوْلَادَهُ الْأَيُّمَةَ الْأَحَدَ عَشَرَ نِعْمَ الْأَيُّمَةُ وَأَنَّ مَا جَاءَ بِهِ مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى  
 اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ حَقٌّ وَأَنَّ الْمَوْتَ حَقٌّ وَسُؤَالَ مُنْكَرٍ وَنَكِيرٍ فِي الْقَبْرِ حَقٌّ وَالْبَعْثَ حَقٌّ وَالْأَنْزَالَ  
 حَقٌّ وَالصِّرَاطَ حَقٌّ وَالْمِيزَانَ حَقٌّ وَتَطَايُرَ الْكُتُبِ حَقٌّ وَالْجَنَّةَ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارَ حَقٌّ وَأَنَّ  
 السَّاعَةَ آتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي الْقُبُورِ أَفْهَمْتَ يَا \_\_\_\_\_ ابْنَ \_\_\_\_\_ تَبَّتْكَ اللَّهُ  
 بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ وَهَذَاكَ اللَّهُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ عَرَفَ اللَّهُ بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَ أَوْلِيَائِكَ فِي مُسْتَقَرٍّ  
 مِّنْ رَّحْمَتِهِ اللَّهُمَّ جَافِ الْأَرْضَ عَنْ جَنْبِيهِ وَأَصْعِدْ بِرُوحِهِ إِلَيْكَ وَلَقِّهِ مِنْكَ بُرْهَانًا. اللَّهُمَّ  
 عَفْوًا عَفْوًا.

## Transliteration.

Isma' ifham, isma' ifham, isma'ifham. ya... (name of the deceased male) ibna ... (name of the father), hal anta alal  
 -a'hdil-ladhinfaaraq'tana alai-hi min shahaadati an-laa-ilaaha illal-laahu wah'dahoo laa sharika lah, wa  
 an'na Muhammadan sal-lal-laahu alai'hi wa Aalihi wa sal'lam, ab'duhu wa rasooluh, wa  
 sai'yidun-nabi-yeena wam khaata-mul-mursi-leen, wa an'na Aliy-yan ameerul-mu'mineen, wa  
 sai'yidal-wasiy-yeen, wa imaamu-nif-taradal-laahu taa'ata-hoo alal-aalameen, wa an'nal Hasana wa  
 Husain, wa Aliy-yabnal husain, wa Muham'madan ibna Aliy-yan, wa Ja'faran ibna Muham'mad, wa  
 Moosabna Ja'far, wa Aliy-yabna Moosa, wa Muham'madan ibna Aliy-yin, wa Aliy-yabna Muham'mad,  
 wal-Hasanabna Aliy'yi, wal Qaa-imal-huj'jatal-Mah'diy'yi, salawaatul-laahi alai-him a'im'matul-mu'mineen,  
 wa huja-jul-laahi alal khal'qi aj'ma'een, wa a'im'matuka a'im'matu hudan abraar, ya... (name of the deceased)  
 ibna... (name of the father), idhaa ataakal-malakaanil-muqar'ra-baani rasoolai-ni min indil-laahi tabaaraka wa  
 ta-aa'laa, wa sa-a'laaka an Rab'bika, wa an Nabiy-yika wa an dee-nika wa an kitaa-bika wa an qib-latika  
 wa an a'-immatika fala takhaf wala tah'zan, wa qul fee jawaabi-himaa, Allahu jal'la jalaaluhu Rabbi wa  
 muhammadun sal'lal-laahu alai-hi wa aalihee wa sal'lama Nabiy-yi wal islaamu deenee wal Qur'aanu  
 kitaabi wal Ka'batu qib-lati wa Ameerul-mu'mineena Aliy'yub-nu abi taalibin Imaami, wal hasanub-nu  
 Aliy'yinil muj-tabaa Imaami, wal Husainub-nu Aliy'yinish-shaheedu bi karbalaa Imaami, wa Aliy'yu  
 Zainul-Aabideena Imaami, wa Muham'madubnu Aliy'yin Baaqiru ilmin-nabiy'yeena Imaami, wa  
 Ja'farunis-sadiqu Imaami, wa Moosal-Kaazimu Imaami, wa Aliy'yunir-ridaa Imaami, wa  
 Muham'madunil-jawadu Imaami, wa Aliy'yunil-haadee Imaami, wal hasanul-Askariy'yu Imaami, wal  
 Hujjatul-muntazaru Imaami, haau-laai salawaatul-laahi alai'him ajma'eena  
 a'im'mati wa saadati wa qaadati wa shufa-aai bihim ata-wal'laa wa min a'daa-ihim ata-bar-rau' fid-duniyaa  
 wal aakhirati thum'ma a'lam ya... (name of the deceased male) bin... (name of father), an'nal'laaha tabaaraka wa  
 taalaa naimar-rab'bu wa an'na Muham'madan sal'laahu alai'-hi wa aalihee wa sal'lama nai-mar-rasoolu wa  
 an'na Ameerul-mu'mineena Aliy'yab-na abi taalibin wa aulaada-hul a'-im'matl-ahada a'shara nai'mal  
 a'im'matu wa an'na maa jaa'-a' bihee Muham'madun sal'laahu alai'-hi wa aalihee wa sal'lama haq'qun, wa  
 an'nal-mauta haq'qun wa su'aala munkarin nakeerin fil-qabri haq'qun, wal'ba'ta haq'qun, wan'-nashoora

*haq'qun, was'-siraata haq'qun,*

*wal-meezaana haq'qun, wa tataa-yur-al-kutubi haq'qun, wal-jan'nata haq'qun, wan'-naara haq'qun, wa an'nas-saa-ata aa-ti-ya-tul' laa-rai'-bi feeha, wa an'nal-laaha yab'-atu manfil-quboori afa'-him-ta ya...(name of the deceased) ibn...(name of the father), thab'ba-takal-laahu bil-qawlith-thaabiti wa hadaakal-laahu ilaa siraatim-musta-qeemin ar'rafal-laahu bai'naka wa bai'na au-liyaa-ika fee mus'-taqar'rim mir'rah;mati-hee. Allahum'ma jaafil-ar'da a'n jan'bai'hi was'-id' bi roohi-hee ilai'ka wa laq'qihee min-ka bur'haanaa. Allahum'ma af'-waka, af'-wak.*

## **Translation.**

Listen, and understand...(name of the deceased male) son of...(name of his father), are you still holding the covenant you held when leaving us? Witnessing that there is no god but Allah, that Muhammad (peace be upon him and progeny) is God's servant and His messenger, and that Ali (A.S.) is the Commander of the believers, and the Chief of the deputies of Allah, and he is the Imam whose obedience Allah has made incumbent upon all? And that Hasan and Husayn, Ali ibn al Husayn, Muhammad ibn Ali, Jafar ibn Muhammad, Musa ibn Jafar, Ali ibn Musa, Muhammad ibn Ali, Ali ibn Muhammad, Hasan ibn Ali, and the living proof, the Mahdi, blessings of Allah be upon them all; that all of the above are Imams of the believers, and they are the proofs of Allah for the whole of the creation, they are your Imams, the rightly guided and the pious ones?

Listen O' ...(name of the deceased male) son of... (name of his father), that when the two Angels, favored by Allah and appointed by Him, come to you and ask about your God, and your Prophet, your religion, your scripture, your Qibla and your Imams, you should not be afraid, and should not grieve. Reply to them: "Allah is my God, Muhammad (s) is my prophet, Islam(A.S.) is my Imam, Husayn (A.S.), the martyr of karbala, son of Ali (A.S.) is my Imam, Ali Zayn al Abideen (A.S.) is my Imam, Mohammad al Baqir (A.S.) is my Imam, J'afar as sadiq (A.S.) is my Imam, Musa al Kazim (A.S.) is my Imam, Ali ar Ridha (A.S.) is my Imam, Muhammad al Jawad (A.S.) is my Imam, Ali al Hadi(A.S.) is my Imam, Hasan al Askari (A.S.) is my Imam, and al Hujjat al Muntazar (A.S.) is my Imam. They upon whom may Allah's blessings descend, are all my Imams, my Masters, my leaders, and my intercessors. I consider them authority over me, and I reject their enemies in this life, and in the hereafter.

Let it be known to you O' ... (name of the deceased) son of...(name of his father), that Allah, the Almighty, the Exalted, is the best Lord, that Muhammad (s), salutations of Allah be upon him and his family, is the best Prophet, and that the Commander of the believers Al (A.S.), son of Abu Talib, and his offsprings, the twelve Imams, are the best Imams; and that the message that Muhammad (s) brought from Allah is true, the death is certain, the questioning in the grave by Munkar and Nakeer is true, the resurrection of the dead is true, the appearance before Allah is certain, the Bridge (as-Siraat) is true, the Divine scales are true, the dissemination of the book of one's deeds on Doomsday is certain, Paradise is the truth, Hell is truth, and that there is no doubt about the coming of the inevitable Hour of Reckoning, and verily, Allah will bring back people from their graves, and it is certain.

Do you understand, O' ...(name of the deceased male), son of ...(name of his father), may Allah make you steady and firm (with the above words) on the straight path. May Allah, with His Mercy acquaint you with your guardian in the abode of His Mercy. O' Allah, make his grave spacious, elevate his soul to Yourself, and give him the Proof from Yourself. O' Allah, we beseech Your Mercy, Your Mercy.

## **Talqeen for a Deceased Female.**

اسْمَعِيْ افْهَمِيْ، اسْمَعِيْ افْهَمِيْ، اسْمَعِيْ افْهَمِيْ - يا - ابنة - هل انت على العهد الذي  
 فارقتنا عليه من شهادة ان لا اله الا الله وحده لا شريك له وان محمدا صلى الله عليه و اله و سلم  
 عبده و رسوله و سيد النبيين و خاتم المرسلين و ان عليا امير المؤمنين و سيد الوصيين و امام  
 افتراض الله طاعته على العلمين و ان الحسن و الحسين و علي بن الحسين و محمدا بن علي  
 و جعفر بن محمد و موسى بن جعفر و علي بن موسى و محمدا بن علي و علي بن  
 محمدا و الحسن بن علي و القائم الحجة المهدي صلوات الله عليهم ائمة المؤمنين و حجج  
 الله على الخلق اجمعين و ائمتك ائمة هدى ابرار يا - ابنة - اذا اتاك الملك ان  
 لمقر بان رسولين من عند الله تبارك و تعالى و سلاك عن ربك و عن نبيك و عن دينك  
 و عن كتابك و عن قبلك و عن ائمتك فلا تخافي و لا تحزني و قولني في جوا بهما الله جل  
 جلاله ربي و محمدا صلى الله عليه و اله و سلم نبي و الاسلام ديني و القران كتابي و الكعبة  
 قبلي و امير المؤمنين علي بن ابي طالب امامي و الحسن بن علي بن المجتبي امامي و الحسين  
 بن علي بن الشهيد بكر بلا امامي و علي زين العابدين امامي و محمدا بن علي باقر علم النبيين  
 امامي و جعفر الصادق امامي و موسى الكاظم امامي و علي بن الرضا امامي و محمدا بن الجواد  
 امامي و علي بن الهادي امامي و الحسن العسكري امامي و الحجة المنتظر امامي هو لاي  
 صلوات الله عليهم اجمعين ائمتي و سادتي و قادتي و شفعايتي بهم اتولى و من اعدائهم اتبرئ  
 في الدنيا و الآخرة ثم اعلمي يا - ابنة - ان الله تبارك و تعالى نعم الرب و ان محمدا  
 صلى الله عليه و اله

و سلم نعم الرسول و ان امير المؤمنين علي بن ابي طالب و اولاده الا ائمة الا حد عشر نعم الا  
 ئمة و ان ما جاء به محمدا صلى الله عليه و اله و سلم حق و ان الموت حق و سوال منكرو و كبير  
 في القبر حق و البعث حق و النشور حق و الصراط حق و الميزان حق و تطاير الكتب حق و الجنة  
 حق و النار حق و ان الساعة آتية لا ريب فيها و ان الله يبعث من في القبور افهمت يا - بن  
 - تثبتك الله بالقول الثابت و هداك الله الى صراط مستقيم عرف الله بينك و بين

أُولِيَّائِكَ فِي مُسْتَقَرٍّ مِّن رَّحْمَتِهِ أَلَّا هُمْ جَافِ الْأَرْضِ عَن جَنَبَيْهَا وَاصْعَدْبُرُوجِهَا إِلَيْكَ وَلَقَّهَا  
مِنْكَ بُرْهَانًا- اللَّهُمَّ عَفْوَك، عَفْوَك-

## Transliteration.

*Isma-i' ifhami, isma-i' ifhami, isma-i' ifhami. ya... (name of the deceased female) ibnati ... (name of the father), hal anti alal -a'hdil-ladhi, faaraq'tinaa alai-hi min shahaadati an-laa-ilaaha illal-laahu wah'dahoo laa sharika lah, wa an'na Muhammadan sal-lal-laahu alai'hi wa Aalihi wa sal'lam, ab'duhu wa rasooluh, wa sai'yidun-nabi-yeena wa khaata-mul-mursi-leen, wa an'na Aliy-yan ameeral-mu'mineen, wa sai'yidal-wasiy-yeen, wa imaamu- nif-taradal-laahu taa'ata-hoo alal-aalameen, wa an'nal Hasana wa Husain, wa Aliy-yabnal husain, wa Muham'madab-na Aliy-yi, wa Ja'farabna Muham'mad, wa Moosabna Ja'far, wa Aliy-yabna Moosa, wa Muham'madabna Aliy-yi, wa Aliy-yabna Muham'mad, wal-Hasanabna Aliy'yi, wal Qaa-imal -huj'jatal- Mah'diy'yi, salawaatul-laahi alai-him a'im'matul-mu'mineen, wa huja-jul-laahi alal khal'qi aj'ma'een, wa a'im'matuki a'im'matu hudan abraar, ya... (name of the deceased) ibnati ... (name of the father), idhaa ataakil- malakaanil muqar'ra-baani rasoolai-ni min indil-laahi tabaaraka wa ta-aa'laa, wa sa-a'laaki an Rab'biki, wa an Nabiyy- yiki, wa an dee-niki, wa an kitaa-biki, wa an qib-latiki, wa an a'-immatiki, falaa takhaafi walaa tah'zani, wa qooli fee jawaabi-himaa, Allahu jal'la jalaaluhu Rabbi wa muhammadun sal-lal-laahu alai-hi wa aalihee wa sal'lam, Nabiyy-yi wal islaamu deenee wal Qur'aanu kitaabi wal Ka'batu qib-lati wa Ameerul- mu'mineena Aliy'yub-nu abi taalibin Imaami, wal hasanub-nu Aliy'yinil muj-tabaa Imaami, wal Husainub-nu Aliy'yinish- shaheedu bi karbalaa Imaami, wa Aliy'yun Zainul-Aabideena Imaami, wa Muham'madubnu Aliy'yin Baaqiru ilmin-nabiyyeena Imaami, wa Ja'farunis-saadiqu Imaami, wa Moosal-Kaazimu Imaami, wa Aliy'yunir- ridaa Imaami, wa Muham'madunil-jawadu Imaami, wa Aliy'yunil-haadee Imaami, wal hasanul-Askariyyu Imaami, wal Hujjatul-muntazaru Imaami, haau-laai salawaatul-laahi alai'him ajma'eena a'im'mati wa saadati wa qaadati wa shufa-aa bihim ata-wal'laa wa min a'daa-ihim ata-bar-rau' fid-duniyaa wal aakhirati thum'ma a'lami ya... (name of the deceased male) bin... (name of father), an'nal'laaha tabaaraka wa taalaa naimar-rab'bu wa an'na Muham'madan sal'laahu alai'hi wa aalihee wa sal'lama nai-mar-rasoolu wa an'na Ameerul-mu'mineena Aliy'yab-na abi taalibin wa aulaada-hul a'-im'matl-ahada a'shara nai'mal a'im'matu wa an'na maa jaa'-a' bihee Muham'madun sal'laahu alai'hi wa aalihee wa sal'lama haq'qun, wa an'nal-mauta haq'qun wa su'aala munkarin nakeerin fil-qabri haq'qun, wal'ba'tha haq'qun, wan'-nashoora haq'qun, was'-siraata haq'qun, wal-meezaana haq'qun, wa tataa-yur-al-kutubi haq'qun, wal-jan'nata haq'qun, wan'-naara haq'qun, wa an'nas-saa-ata aa-ti-ya-tul' laa-rai'-ba feeha, wa an'nal-laaha yab'-atu manfil-quboori afa'-him-ti ya... (name of the deceased) bni... (name of the father), thab'ba-tikal-laahu bil-qawli-thaabit wa hadaakil-laahu ilaa siraatim-musta-qeemin ar'rafal-laahu bai'naki wa bai'na au-liyaa-iki fee mus'-taqar'rim mir'rah' mati-h. Allahum'ma jaafil-ar'da a'n jam'bai'haa was'-ad'-bi-roohi-haa ilai'ka wa laq'qihaa min-ka bur'haanaa. Allahum'ma af'-waka, af'-wak.*

## Translation.

Listen, and understand...(name of the deceased female) daughter of...(name of her father), are you still holding the covenant you held when leaving us? Witnessing that there is no god but Allah, that Muhammad (peace be upon him and progeny) is God's servant and His messenger, and that Ali (A.S.) is the Commander of the believers, and the Chief of

the deputies of Allah, and he is the Imam whose obedience Allah has made incumbent upon all? And that Hasan and Husayn, Ali ibn al Husayn, Muhammad ibn Ali, Jafar ibn Muhammad, Musa ibn Jafar, Ali ibn Musa, Muhammad ibn Ali, Ali ibn Muhammad, Hasan ibn Ali, and the living proof, the Mahdi, blessings of Allah be upon them all; that all of the above are Imams of the

believers, and they are the proofs of Allah for the whole of the creation, they are your Imams, the rightly guided and the pious ones?

Listen O' ...(name of the deceased female) daughter of... (name of her father), that when the two Angels, favored by Allah and appointed by Him, come to you and ask about your God, and your Prophet, your religion, your scripture, your Qibla and your Imams, you should not be afraid, and should not grieve. Reply to them: "Allah is my God, Muhammad (s) is my prophet, Islam(A.S.) is my Imam, Husayn (A.S.), the martyr of karbala, son of Ali (A.S.) is my Imam, Ali Zayn al Abideen (A.S.) is my Imam, Mohammad al Baqir (A.S.) is my Imam, J'afar as sadiq (A.S.) is my Imam, Musa al Kazim (A.S.) is my Imam, Ali ar Ridha (A.S.) is my Imam, Muhammad al Jawad (A.S.) is my Imam, Ali al Hadi(A.S.) is my Imam, Hasan al Askari (A.S.) is my Imam, and al Hujjat al Muntazar (A.S.) is my Imam. They upon whom may Allah's blessings descend, are all my Imams, my Masters, my leaders, and my intercessors. I consider them authority over me, and I reject their enemies in this life, and in the hereafter.

Let it be known to you O' ... (name of the deceased) daughter of...(name of her father), that Allah, the Almighty, the Exalted, is the best Lord, that Muhammad (s), salutations of Allah be upon him and his family, is the best Prophet, and that the Commander of the believers Al (A.S.), son of Abu Talib, and his offsprings, the twelve Imams, are the best Imams; and that the message that Muhammad (s) brought from Allah is true, the death is certain, the questioning in the grave by Munkar and Nakeer is true, the resurrection of the dead is true, the appearance before Allah is certain, the Bridge (as-Siraat) is true, the Divine scales are true, the dissemination of the book of one's deeds on Doomsday is certain, Paradise is the truth, Hell is truth, and that there is no doubt about the coming of the inevitable Hour of Reckoning, and verily, Allah will bring back people from their graves, and it is certain.

Do you understand, O' ...(name of the deceased female), daughter of ...(name of her father), may Allah make you steady and firm (with the above words) on the straight path. May Allah, with His Mercy acquaint you with your guardian in the abode of His Mercy. O' Allah, make her grave spacious, elevate her soul to Yourself, and give her the Proof from Yourself. O' Allah, we beseech Your Mercy, Your Mercy.

## **Filling the Grave.**

After the recital of the Talqeen, those (workers) who are in the grave should come out from the foot end of the grave.

People present should push dirt into the grave. Near relatives of the deceased are exempt. While pushing the dirt, preferably with the back of the hands, they say this:

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ط

*In'naa lil'laahi wa in'naa ilai'hi raja'oon.*

We are from Allah, and to Him we shall return.

**They should also recite this.**

**For the Male.**

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَحَدِّتْهُ وَآنِسْ وَحَشِّتْهُ وَآمِنْ رَوْعَتَهُ وَأَسْكِنِ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ رَحْمَةً تُغْنِيهِ بِهَا عَنْ  
رَحْمَةِ مَنْ سِوَاكَ فَإِنَّمَا رَحْمَتُكَ لِطَالِبِينَ ط

*Allahum'ma sil wah'data-hu, wa aanis wah'shata-hu, wa aamin rau-ata-hu wa-as' kin ilai-hi min  
rah'matika rah'matan tugh-nee-hi bihaa an-rah'mati man-siwaaka fa-in'namaa rah'matuka lit'taalibeen.*

O' Allah, alleviate his isolation, make his loneliness congenial, allay his fear, settle upon him Your Mercy, that will make him independent of mercy from any one except from You; Your Mercy is for those who seek it.

**For the Female.**

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَحَدِّتْهَا وَآنِسْ وَحَشِّتْهَا وَآمِنْ رَوْعَتَهَا وَأَسْكِنِ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ رَحْمَةً تُغْنِيهَا بِهَا  
عَنْ رَحْمَةِ مَنْ سِوَاكَ فَإِنَّمَا رَحْمَتُكَ لِطَالِبِينَ ط

*Allahum'ma sil wah'data-haa, wa aanis wah'shata-haa, wa aamin rau-ata-haa wa as' kin ilai-haa min  
rah'matika rah'matan tugh-nee-haa bihaa an-rah'mati man-siwaaka fa-in'namaa rah'matuka lit'taalibeen.*

O' Allah, alleviate her isolation, make her loneliness congenial, allay her fear, settle upon her Your Mercy, that will make her independent of mercy from any one except from You; Your Mercy is for those who seek it.

## **Completion of the grave.**

It is recommended that grave shape be rectangular. It should be raised about three inches above ground level. Place a marker (a stone, piece of wood etc.) on the grave. Pour some water on the grave. Those present should place their fingers on the grave and recite surah al-Fatihah once, and Surah al-Ikhlâs (Qul huw allahu Ahad) three times. Also, it is recommended to recite Suarah Al-Qadr (Inna anzalnaa-hu fi lai'latil-Qadr) seven times. Those present should seek Allah's forgiveness for the deceased.

## **Recitation of Talqeen for a second time.**

It is recommended that after others have left, the near relatives and the Wali of the deceased, or his/ her representative recite talqeen for the deceased one more time.

## **Mourning**

It is recommended that next of kin and near relatives show patience at the loss of their loved one. They should recite "In'naa lil-laahi wa in'naa ila'hi raja'oona" when they remember the deceased. It is forbidden to scratch one's face or body through grief, or slap one's face, or harm oneself in any manner, or tear up clothes, etc. It is an obligatory precaution not to weep too loudly. It is recommended to recite the Qur'an and ask forgiveness for the deceased.

## Offering Condolence.

It is recommended to visit the next of kin of the deceased. It is also recommended to send food to the members of the house of the deceased for three days.

## Salatal Wah'shat.

It is recommended that on the first night after the burial of the deceased, one should offer Salatal Wah'shat. (Prayer of desolation). It is two Rakat. It may be performed any time at night, but preferably soon after the Isha prayers.

**Method:** In the **first Rakat**, after Surah Al Fatihah, recite Ayatul Kursi, 2:256. In the **second Rakat**, after Sura Al Fatihah, recite Sura Al Qadr (Surah 97) ten times. After Salaam and conclusion of the prayers, recite the following:

(name of the deceased) **اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَعَثْ ثَوَابَ هَاتَيْنِ الرَّكْعَتَيْنِ إِلَى قَبْرِ -**  
*Allahumma salli alaa muham'madi wa aali Muham'madin wab'-atha thawaaba haa-tai-nir-rak-a'taini ilaa qab'ri ..(name of the deceased).*

Allah bless Muhammad and his progeny, and assign the rewards to the grave of (name of the deceased).

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