

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said: **“Whoever attends the funeral of a Muslim out of sincere faith and hoping for the reward from Allāh, and remains with it until the prayer is offered over it and the burial is completed, he will return with a reward of two Qirāt; each Qirāt is equivalent to Mount Uḥud; and whoever offers the prayer over it and returns before its burial, he will return with one Qirāt.”** [Al-Bukhāri]

Information about Mount Uḥud:

- 1- Length: 7km
- 2- Width: approx. 2-3km
- 3- Height: 1077m
- 4- Weight: 45 billion tons.

The question here is: Will you ever miss a funeral prayer after this?!

The Way to Perform the Funeral Prayer:

- It is Sunnah for the *Imām* to stand in line with the head of the deceased male, and in line with the middle of a female.
- The *Imām* utters *Takbīrs* (*Allāhu Akbar*) 4 times, raising his hands up to ear level each time he utters a *Takbīr*, and the Muslims praying behind him follow him, doing the same.
 - (1) After the first *Takbīr*, and after saying *Aūdhu billāhi min ash-Shayṭān ar-rajīm* (I seek refuge with Allāh from the accursed devil), *Sūrat Al-Fātiḥah* is recited.
 - (2) After the second *Takbīr*, the *Imām* sends blessings on the Prophet saying: *“Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Muḥammadi-w-‘alā āli Muḥammad, kamā ṣallayta ‘alā Ibrāhīma wa ‘alā ‘āli ‘Ibrāhīm, innaka ḥamīdu-m-majīd. Allāhumma bārik ‘alā Muḥammadi-w-‘alā āli Muḥammad, kama bārakta ‘alā Ibrāhīma wa ‘alā āli Ibrāhīm, innaka ḥamīdu-m-majīd.”* (O Allāh, bestow Your favor on Muḥammad and on the family of Muḥammad as You have bestowed Your favor on *Ibrāhīm* [Abraham] and on the family of *Ibrāhīm*; Indeed You are Praiseworthy, Most Glorious. O Allāh, bless Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad as You have blessed *Ibrāhīm* and the family of *Ibrāhīm*; Indeed You are Praiseworthy, Most Glorious.)
 - (3) After the third *Takbīr*, the *Imām* supplicates: *“Allāhumma ighfir li-ḥayyina wa mayyitina, wa shāhidina wa ghā‘ibina, wa ṣaghīrina wa kabīrina, wa dhakarina wa unthāna. Allāhumma man aḥyaytahu minna fa aḥyihī ‘ala-l-Islām, wa man tawaffaytahu minna fa tawaffahu ‘ala-l-imān. Allāhumma lā taḥrimna ajrahu, wa lā tuḍillana ba’dah. Allāhumma ighfir lahū, warḥamhu, wa ‘āfihi wa’fu ‘anhu, wa akrim nuzulahu, wa wassi’ mudkhalahu, waghsilhu bil-mā‘i wath-thalji wal-barad; wa naqqihi mina-l-khaṭāya kama naqqayta ath-thawba-l-abyaḍa mina-d-danas. Wa abdilhu dāran khayran min dārihi, wa ahlan khayran min ahlihi, wa zawjan khayran min zawjihi, wa adkhillhu-l-jannata, wa a’idh-hu min ‘adhābi-l-qabr wa min ‘adhābi-n-nār.”* (O Allāh, forgive our living and our dead, those who are present and those who are absent, our young and our old, our males and our females. O Allāh, whomever of us You cause to live, let him live upon Islam, and whomever of us You cause to die, let him die upon faith. O Allāh, do not deprive us of his reward, and do not let us go astray after him. O Allāh, forgive him, have mercy on him, grant him respite and pardon him. Be generous to him in his abode, cause his entrance to be wide, and wash him with water, snow and ice. Cleanse him of his sins as you cleanse a white cloth of stains. Grant him an abode better than his abode, a family better than his family, and a wife better than his wife. Take him into Paradise and protect him from the punishment of the grave [or from the punishment of Hellfire.]
 - If the deceased is a child, the *Imām* supplicates: *“Allāhumma ij’alhu farāṭan wa dhukhran li wāli-dayhi, wa shaft’an mujāban. Allāhumma thaqqil bihi mawāzīnahuma, wa a’dhim bihi ujūrahuma, wa alḥiq-hu biṣāliḥi-l-mu‘minīn, waj’alhu fi kafālati Ibrāhīm, waqihi birahmatika ‘adhāb al-jaḥīm.”* [Al-Bukhāri]. (O Allāh, make him a forerunner and a treasure for his parents, and an intercessor whose prayer is answered. O Allāh, let this (loss) make their (the parents’) scales heavy, and make their reward great, and make him be with the righteous believers. And put him under the care of *Ibrāhīm*, and protect him, through Your Mercy, from the punishment of the hellfire.)
 - (4) After the fourth *Takbīr*, the *Imām* keeps silent for a while, and then he says *Taslīm* (concluding the prayer) only to his right.

