

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH

A practical guide for Muslims

For the Esaale Sawaab of all Marhoomeen.

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An Identification document of the deceased must be made available. A Valid Passport or National ID Card is acceptable.

Families to please note:

The National ID Card of the deceased will be withheld by the Death Registry
Office upon issuance of the burial order.

Current regulations (HRE) also requires that the immediate next of kin of the deceased must present their own ID card and contact details to the Muslim Burial Society member.

Please allow the MBS member to guide and advise you at every stage.

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Introduction

Introducing "What to Do in the Event of a Death: A Practical and Islamic Guide" It is important to note that as Muslims, we share a bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. When one of us passes away, it is customary to recite a brief prayer as a token of respect and solidarity:

Innaa Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raaji'oon (Verily we belong to Allah and will return to Allah)

The death of a loved one is an experience that touches each and every one of us, transcending boundaries of gender, wealth, race, and health. It is an inevitable event, a fact of life that we all must face, yet it remains a topic often shrouded in discomfort and silence. However, acknowledging the undeniable reality of death allows us to approach it with a sense of preparedness and understanding.

In light of this, we present to you "What to Do in the Event of a Death": A Practical and Islamic Guide. This book aims to provide a comprehensive resource to help individuals and families navigate the intricate and often overwhelming process that follows the passing of a loved one. It serves as a roadmap, offering guidance on both the legal and religious aspects that need to be considered during this challenging time.

With a focus on fulfilling both governmental and Islamic requirements, this publication equips readers with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the necessary formalities and procedures. From the initial stages of dealing with documentation and paperwork to the final stages of organising a proper Islamic burial, this guide provides clear and practical steps for every stage of the process.

This book not only addresses the practical aspects but also includes the relevant prayers and Islamic rites of passage that accompany the grieving process.

By delving into the pages of "What to Do in the Event of a Death: A Practical and Islamic Guide," you embark on a journey of preparation, compassion, and understanding. Together, let us face the inevitability of death with grace, ensuring that we fulfil our obligations and honour our departed loved ones in accordance with our faith and tradition.

While the information contained within these pages offers invaluable insights, it is essential to recognize that you are not alone in this journey. Alongside the guidance provided, there are learned Scholars and compassionate members of the Muslim Burial Society [MBS] who stand ready to offer their assistance whenever needed.

When a person is close to death

When a person is about to die he should be made to lie on his back, with his feet pointing towards the Qiblah. The head should be raised so that he faces the Qiblah. People must then sit around him and recite the Kalimah loudly so that he can hear. However they must not command him to recite the Kalimah because the time is very delicate, and anything may escape from his lips.

Once he recites the Kalimah, everyone must remain silent, and they should not ask him to continue reciting the Kalimah. It is not necessary that he continues to recite this till his last breath. However, if he talks anything about the world after reciting the Kalimah, the people should again begin to recite the Kalimah till the dying person repeats it. When he recites it, they must again be silent.

The person is very close to death when:

- > He becomes breathless.
- > He starts breathing fast.
- > His calves become weak, due to which he cannot stand.
- > His nose bends a little.
- > His temples sink.

When these things happen, people must again begin to recite the Kalimah loudly. Recitation of Surah Yaaseen makes the death easy. Therefore, it should be recited by the head side of the dying person, or anywhere else near him.

At this time, nothing must be said, which will turn his attention towards the world, because at this time he is leaving this world and entering the life of the hereafter. Therefore, he must be told such things, which turns his attention to Allah, and turns his attention away from the world. This is best for the dying person. It is very unfortunate for a person to pass away with the love of this world in his heart. May Allah save us all!

Ruling: If the dying person says any statement of Kufr (disbelief), we must ignore it and think that he said this because the severe pains of death caused him to lose his senses. When a person loses his senses, he will be forgiven for whatever he says. We must then make Dua for Allah to forgive him.

Practical Tasks Immediately After The Moment Of Death

- 1. As soon as a person dies their eyes should be gently closed.
- 2. Gently press the chin upward while holding the top of the head. Then wrap a strip of cloth under the chin and around the head, tying it firmly at the top.
- 3. Remove any jewellery such as rings, necklaces, bracelets and nose studs (it is especially important to remove rings before swelling occurs).
- 4. Straighten the limbs carefully and gently. If they will not straighten (i.e., due to a stroke) do not force them, as this could cause breakage.
- 5. Place the feet together and bind the ankles carefully.
- 6. Do not cut nails or remove unwanted hair from the dead body.
- 7. Until the time of the deceased's bathing, the body should be covered with a clean sheet. whilst doing this, one should recite the following:



In the name of Allah and upon the religion of the Messenger of Allah

Ruling:

After the Rooh (soul) has left the body, incense (Lobaan) or any other fragrance should be burnt near the body. Women who are in their menstrual cycle, as well as anyone in need of a Fardh Ghusl must not sit near the deceased body.

It is incorrect to recite the Qur'aan near the dead body when it has not yet been bathed.

IMPORTANT!! ALWAYS CONSULT A MUSLIM BURIAL SOCIETY (M.B.S.) MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS ON ALL FORMALITIES.

Death in Hospital

If the deceased spent MORE than 48 hours in hospital....

The attending doctor at the hospital must complete the Gvt. BD 12 Form (Medical Certificate of Cause of Death) which M.B.S. will use to secure a burial order.

<u>Under no circumstances should the body/bodies be moved from</u> the place of death until the Police permits you to do so.

If the deceased spent <u>LESS</u> than 48 hours in hospital.....

The Police need to be contacted to inspect the body to rule out foul play.

Death at Home

Regardless of whether the deceased endured a long-term or shortterm Illness or passed away suddenly without any apparent illness....

Advise the assisting member of M.B.S. who the family's consulting doctor is, in order to obtain medical notes on the deceased's medical history.

M.B.S are required to notify the Police and arrange for their Officers to be transported to where the Body is, so that they can inspect the body to rule out foul play. The family doctor will be required to be present during this inspection.

However, some Police Stations may require a Government Doctor to confirm the death. In this case it will be required for the body to be then taken to a government hospital.

Every deceased body is required to be examined by a government Pathologist to ascertain the cause of Death. Only thereafter will it be possible for M.B.S. to acquire a burial order.

Death out of Town

[Death out of Town - Motor Traffic Accident]

The Police nearest to the scene of the accident **MUST** be contacted and they will undertake to complete their own necessary procedures.

Contact an M.B.S. member for further assistance and instructions.

Under no circumstances should the body/bodies be moved until the Police instruct you to do so.

Should the Police advise you to have the body/bodies moved to the nearest town, please request the following from the police officer's:

- Name Rank Force Number mobile number.
- The burial order is generally issued at the nearest town to the accident.
 Please obtain the Name and Contact details of issuing officials at the burial office.

When the deceased body is being moved from one town to another, the driver of the transporting vehicle must be in possession of the Burial Order.

The place of burial must be clearly stipulated on the burial order.

[Unexpected Death out of Town]

If the death is sudden or unexpected you should contact the following people who will guide you with procedures.

- > The family doctor.
- > A Muslim Burial Support Member for that City.

A list of members for each Town / City has been made available in this Book - (Please see inside of Back Cover).

Stillborn Babies (Islamic Perspective)

In Islam a foetus is defined as a morsel of flesh/blood/water if less than 120 days (17 weeks) inside a mother's womb. It becomes human after 120 days (17 weeks) or more.

A birth given after 120 days (17 weeks) of pregnancy must be given a name.

If it is difficult to determine the gender of the child then a neutral name suitable for both boys and girls must be given.

Both a foetus and stillborn must be buried. It is important that this is done promptly.

Table explaining Ghusl / Kafan / Janaza Requirments for Stillborn Babies

	Ghusl	Kafan	Name	Janaza Salah
120 Days & Under [foetus]	No	No (Wrap in a piece of cloth)	No	No
120 Days and under but signs of Limb formation visible (Hands , Legs , Feet, Nose,	Yes	No (Wrap in a piece of cloth)	Yes	No
From 120 days and up to stillbirth	Yes	No (Wrap in a piece of cloth)	Yes	No
At time of birth should only the head emerge and signs of life were noticeable before	Yes	No (Wrap in a piece of cloth)	Yes	No
At time of birth if more than half the body emerges and the child lives before dying *	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

^{*} Half the body implies the emergence of the top torso up to the chest if it is a head first delivery. If feet first delivery, then up to the navel.

Ghusl (Ablution for the Deceased)

Prayers around the deceased body can only be read after Ghusl has been performed on the body.

MBS Ghusl Centres:

- > Masjid Al Abbas
- > Madina Masjid
- > Waterfalls Islamic Centre
- > Arcadia Islamic Centre

For areas not mentioned above, the local Imam should be contacted for Ghusl arrangements.

Kafans (Shrouds) are available at the Ghusl Centres. Where the family has their own kafan, it may be used to shroud the deceased.

Janaza Salaah

After consultation with the family, a time and venue will be set for the Janaza Salaah and burial to take place.

Warren Hills Cemetery

The cemetery is opened throughout the week to facilitate the burials of our loved ones. In the event of evening burials, MBS will require special permission from the burial office.

The Religious Importance of Burying Quickly

In accordance with Sharia, burials should not be delayed on any account of the late arrival of family members or for any other reason.

Rasulullah # has emphasized:

"Make haste in burying the deceased (mayyit) because if it is the Janaza of a pious servant, then enjoin this goodness with its station quickly; and if it is the Janaza of an evil person then quickly dispose of such a load from your shoulders" (Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood, Tirmizi, Nasa'ee Ibn Maajah)

<u> Late comers to the Janaza Salaah - Tayammum</u>

When a late comer fears that if he engages himself in wudhu, he will miss the Janaza Salaah, then it is permissible for him to make Tayammum and join the Jam'ah. This rule applies to the Janaza Salaah only.

Whoever arrives for the Janaza Salaah after the Imam has said one or more Takbeer, should wait and join the Imam when he says the next Tabkeer. After the Salaam he should complete the missed Takbeer by merely saying Allahu Akbar once for every Takbeer missed. No du'a should be read.

If the Imam has completed the fourth Takbeer then too, the late comer should join and complete all the missed Takbeer, (before the Imam says the Salaam).

METHOD OF TAYAMMUM

- 1. Recite "Bismillah" and make Niyah (intention). The niyah need not be said by tongue, but just deciding in the mind should also suffice.
- 2. Strike both hands on clean earth. Rub both the hands over the face (as in Wudhu).
- 3. Again strike both hands on the permissible item. Rub the Left hand over the Right hand. Then rub the Right hand over the Left.

ITEMS ON WHICH TAYAMMUM IS PERMITTED

Clean Earth / Sand / Stone / Limestone / Walls of mud, stone or brick / Clay

How to Perform The Funeral Prayers (Janaza Salaah)

The Janaza Salaah consists of;

- > THANA
- > DUROOD
- > A DUA for the deceased
- > TWO SALAAMS

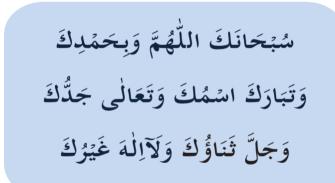
All these are said SILENTLY by both the Imam and the congregation. Just the Imam should call out the Takbeers and salaams aloud.

There are two compulsory acts in the Janaza Salaah;

NIYAAT (intention) should be made as follows: I am performing this Janaza Salaah for Allah behind this Imam. (The Salaah being a prayer for the deceased).

After the Niyaat the hands should be raised up to the ears and the Imam will give the first Takbeer by saying "Allahu Akbar" loudly and the congregation will repeat this softly. Then fold your arms under the navel similarly to all daily Salaah.

Then recite THANA softly



Subhaanak- Allaahumma Wa- Bihamdika Wa- Tabaarakasmuka, Wa-Ta'aalaa Jadduka, Wa - Jalla Thanaa - uka, Wa - Laa ilaaha Ghairuk

Glory be to You Oh Allah, and praise be to you, and blessed is Your Name, and exalted is Your Majesty, and there is no one to be served besides You.

The Imam will then recite the Second Takbeer aloud and the congregation softly. The hands should not be raised when saying this and all subsequent Takbeers.

Durood Ibrahim should now be read:

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلَى الِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى اِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلَى الِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى اِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلَى الِ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ الْبَرَاهِيْمَ اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اللِ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اللِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى اِبْرَاهِیْمَ وَعَلَى اللِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى اِبْرَاهِیْمَ وَعَلَى اللِ اللهِ الْبَرَاهِیْمَ اِبْرَاهِیْمَ وَعَلَى اللهِ الْبَرَاهِیْمَ وَعَلَى اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِیْمَ النَّلُ حَمِیْدٌ مَّجِیْدٌ مَّجِیْدٌ مَّجِیْدٌ وَاللهِیْمَ الْبُرَاهِیْمَ الْبُرَاهِیْمَ النَّلُ حَمِیْدٌ مَّجِیْدٌ مَجِیْدٌ مَجِیْدٌ وَاللهِیْمَ اللهُ اللهِیْمَ الْبُولُ وَمَیْدُ مَجِیْدٌ مَجِیْدٌ وَاللهِیْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ اللهِیْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُویْمَ الْبُویْمَ الْبُولُویْمَ الْبُویْدِیْمُ الْبُویْمَ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمَ الْبُویْمُ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمَ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِیْمَ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمُ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمُ الْبُویْمِ الْمُحْمِیْدُ الْبُویْمِ الْبُویْمِ الْمُعِیْمُ الْبُویْمِ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمُ الْمُعْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ الْمُعْمِیْمُ ا

Allaahumma Swalli ' Alaa Muhammad Wa'alaa Aali Muhammed Kamaa Swallayta 'Alaa Ibraaheem Wa'alaa Aali Ibraaheem Innaka Hameedum Majeed.

Allahumma Baarik `Alaa Muhammad Wa'alaa Aali Muhammad Kamaa Baarakta `Alaa Ibraheema Wa'alaa Aali Ibraaheem. Innaka Hameedum Majeed.

Oh Allah! Shower Your mercy upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad as You showered Your mercy upon Ibrahim and the followers of Ibrahim.

Behold, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

Oh Allah! Shower your blessing upon Muhammad # as you showered Your blessing upon Ibrahim and the followers of Ibrahim.

Behold, You are Praiseworthy, Glorious.

Thereafter, the Takbeer should be said for the THIRD time and the following Dua be recited for an ADUI T Male or Female:

اَللَّهُمَّ اغُفِرُ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا وَصَغِيْرِنَا وَكَبِيْرِنَا وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا اَللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلام وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْايُمَانِ

Allahum-magh - fir li-hayyinaa, Wamayyitinaa Wa-Shaahidinna, Wa-Ghaa-ibinaa Wa-Swagheerinaa, Wa-Kabeerinaa, Wa-Thakarinaa, Wa-Unthaanaa. Allaahumma Man Ahyaytahu Minnaa Fa-Ahyihee 'Alal Islaam, Wa-man Tawa-Faytahu Minnaa Fatawaf-fahu 'Alal Eemaan

Oh Allah! Forgive those of us that are alive and those of us that are dead; those of us that are present and those of us who are absent; those of us who are young and those of us who are adult; our males and our females.

For a child who has not reached the age of puberty the following Dua should be recited after the THIRD Takbeer.

Dua For a Boy

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلُهُ لَنَا فَرَطًا وَّاجُعَلُهُ لَنَا اَجُرًا وَّذُخُرًا وَّاجُعَلُهُ لَنَا شَافِعًا وَّمُشَفَّعًا

Dua For a Girl

اَللَّهُمَّ اجُعَلُهَا لَنَا فَرَطًا وَّاجُعَلُهَا لَنَا فَرَطًا وَّاجُعَلُهَا لَنَا لَنَا اَجُرًا وَّاجُعَلُهَا لَنَا شَافِعَةً وَّمُشَفَّعَةً

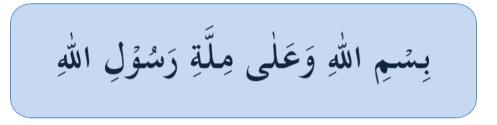
Oh Allah! Make him/her (this child) a source of our salvation and make him/her a source of reward and treasure for us and make him/her an intercessor for us and one whose intercession is accepted.

The Imam says the Fourth Takbeer and thereafter recite the Salaam aloud TWICE while turning his face first towards the RIGHT shoulder and then once again while turning his face towards the LEFT.

The congregation should follow by saying the Takbeer and Salaam softly.

The Sharia Method of Burial

- After the Janaza Salaah is performed the Mayyit should be buried as soon as possible. The Janaza should be carried and placed at the Qiblah side of the grave. The head should be on the right side of the grave if one faces the Qiblah.
- 2. It is desirable that Mahram or close relatives (of a female Mayyit) enter the grave to lower the body. The husband should not enter the grave to bury his wife.
 - It is not Masnun (Sunnah) that there be an odd number.
- 3. It is Mustahab (Recommended) to hold a sheet over the grave while lowering and burying a female. If there is fear of her Kafan opening then it is Wajib to do so.
- 4. It is Mustahab for those present to recite this du'a whilst the body is being lowered:



BISMILAHI WA BIL-LAHI WA 'ALA MILLATI RASULIL-LAHI

In the name of Allah and on the creed, religion and faith of Rasulullah.

- 5. After placing the body into the recess of the grave it is Masnun to turn it onto it's right side to face the Qiblah.
- 6. The strips of cloth tied at the head side, chest and leg side should now be untied.
- 7. The recess should then be covered with bamboo or timber.

When Filling The Qabar With Soil

When Throwing The First Handful of Soil, Say;

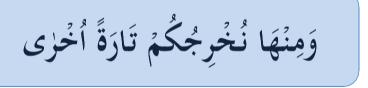


From sand did We create you.

When Throwing The Second Handful, Say;

And to sand shall We return you.

When Throwing The Third Handful, Say;



And from the sand shall We raise you once again.

Burial Communication Alerts

We encourage members of the community to be considerate and rather cautious when relaying news of any deceased person. Please allow MBS to initiate such communication. The next of Kin as well as close family members need to be informed formally before we broadcast such news.

MBS will transmit their burial alerts & notifications via the general messaging platforms:

WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

To Join the community, simply send your First Name and Surname via WhatsApp to the following number: **+263775526292.** Once added you'll start receiving notifications.

Ps: Make sure your WhatsApp privacy settings allow adding you to a group. You can adjust your privacy settings after being added. If you do not enable this setting the administrator won't be able to add you and you won't receive any announcements.

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TELEGRAM CHANNEL

To Join the channel, download the Telegram application from the app store on your mobile device.

Enter 'MBSHARARE' In The chats Search bar once you find MBSHARARE click on it and thereafter click JOIN.

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Etiquette of Visiting the Graveyard

by Maulana Muhammad Uthmaan Ghani

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Riyadul Jannah for allowing us to republish this article.

In the initial stages of Islam, the Prophet # prevented the Muslims from visiting the graves fearing that they would perform acts of the period of ignorance and infidelity and polytheism whilst visiting the graves. When Rasulullah # observed their strong faith and firm belief, he granted them permission to visit the graves, Buraydah نع له پيض narrates that Rasulullah # said, "forbade you to visit graves, but you may now visit them." (Muslim)

The Ulamaa have stated that it is mustahab (desirable) to visit the graveyards for admonition and understanding that death is inevitable.

Purpose of visiting the graveyard

- 1. Abu Hurayrah نع اله وضري narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said, "visit graves for they make one mindful of death." (Muslim)
- 2. Abu Saeed Khudri فنع له يضري narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said, "I forbade you from visitng the graves, but now you must visit them because in (visiting the graves) is a lesson and admonition." (Ahmad)
- 3. Ibn Mas'ood هنع له يضري narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said "I forbade you to visit them for surely it lessens worldly love and reminds you of the Hereafter. (Ibn Maajah)
- **4.** It is narrated that Rasulullah said, I used to prevent you from visiting the graves. Listen carefully! Visit them, for surely it softens the heart, brings tears in the eyes and reminds you of the Hereafter. (Haakim)

When to visit the graveyard

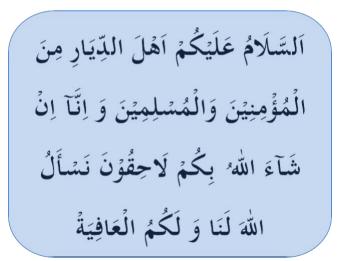
The graveyard can be visited on any day. If possible, a weekly visit is desirable, and the preferred day is Friday. It is narrated that Rasulullah said "Whoever visits his parents grave every Friday will be granted forgiveness, and he will be recorded as an obedient son of his parents." (Bayhagi)

What to read when entering the graveyard

Buraydah نع ف في منع الله narrates that Rasulullah هناء الله يع الله الله when they went to the graveyard. "Peace be upon you, O inhabitants of the dwellings who are of the number of Believers and Muslims. If Allah wills, we shall join you. We ask Allah to grant us and you well-being." (Muslim)

Ibn Abbas فرع له فيضر said that when Rasulullah ﷺ passed by some graves in Madeenah Munawwarah he turned his face towards them and said, "Peace be upon you, O inhabitants of the graves. Allah forgive us and you. You have gone before us and we are coming after you." (Tirmizi)

Ayesha ان ع في فيضر narrates that she asked Rasulullah ﷺ what she should say, i.e., when visiting graves. And He told her to say;



"Peace be upon the inhabitants of the abodes, Believers and Muslims, and Allah show mercy to those of us who go before and those who go later. If Allah wills we shall join you." (Muslim)

From the Co-Ordinator of Muslim Burial Society Brother Moosa E. Hassan

Dear Brothers and Sisters, As-salamu-alaikum

As we embark on our 44th year since the inception of the Muslim Burial Committee I have had the pleasure and support of many in our community to develop and continue with our mission to provide a decent burial ground to meet our needs. In addition to having achieved the finest Cemetery (Qabrastan) in the region we also provide all the needs at the time of a death in a Muslim Home.

Over the past 44 years our achievements have been many which are difficult to detail, but can only be appreciated when one visits the Warren Hills Cemetery where at first hand, these improvements for you (our community), become visibly apparent. Needless to say that these developments have cost a lot of money which has come through the cemetery's gracious regular donors.

Continuous development for the future and maintenance of what is there, needs the financial support from every single Muslim in Harare as the cemetery will surely one day be our home. I therefore appeal to the conscience of members from every Muslim home to make an affordable commitment monthly or annually to sustain **your Qabrastan (cemetery)**.

As I journeyed over the years in my endeavours with serving our community, it is important that I acknowledge the support of some of the Brothers that I had the pleasure of working with but sadly have now passed on. Namely, Brothers Hajee Abdul Rahim Ismail , Abdul Latif Ismail, Sheikh Elmi , Ebrahim Ismail Bhaijee , Haroon Jamal , Essak Shahadat , Gulam Dawood (GD) , Ismail Mahomed (PROF) Ahmed Kassim (SPIKES) , Haji Adam Jogee, Moulana Basheer , Maqbul Lunat & Moosa Hassim Wadee. May Allah grant their souls eternal peace and Jannat-ulfirdous. Ameen.

There are also many more Brothers and Sisters who have worked with us and are still with us or have left the country. May Almighty Allah bless them with good health and success in their daily endeavours. Ameen.

As part of our ongoing commitment in serving the members of our community, my colleagues and I have compiled this book titled

"WHAT **TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH**" and I hope that it will be a valuable resource in your home.

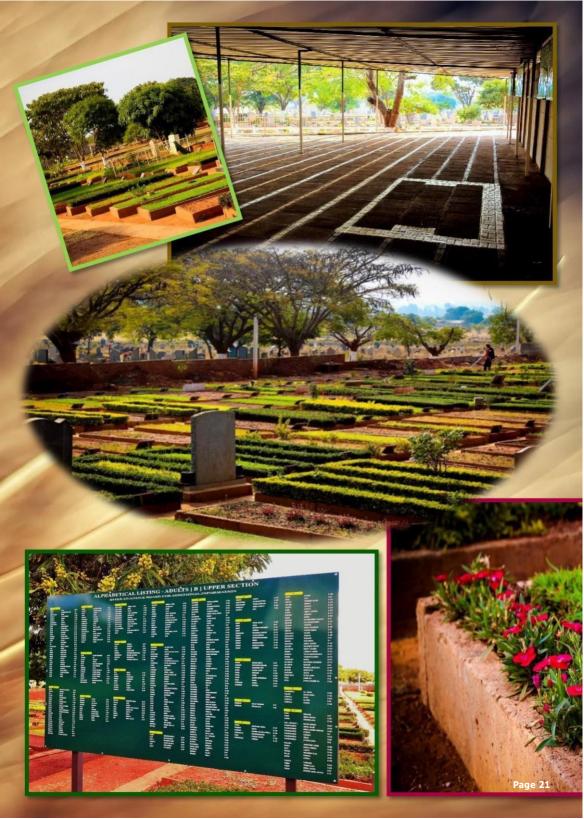
Finally, I would like to invite members of our community, who wish to have an overview of the developments and improvements at Pioneer Cemetery and Warren Hills to please contact myself on 0772880597 or Mohammed Sidat on 0772929511.

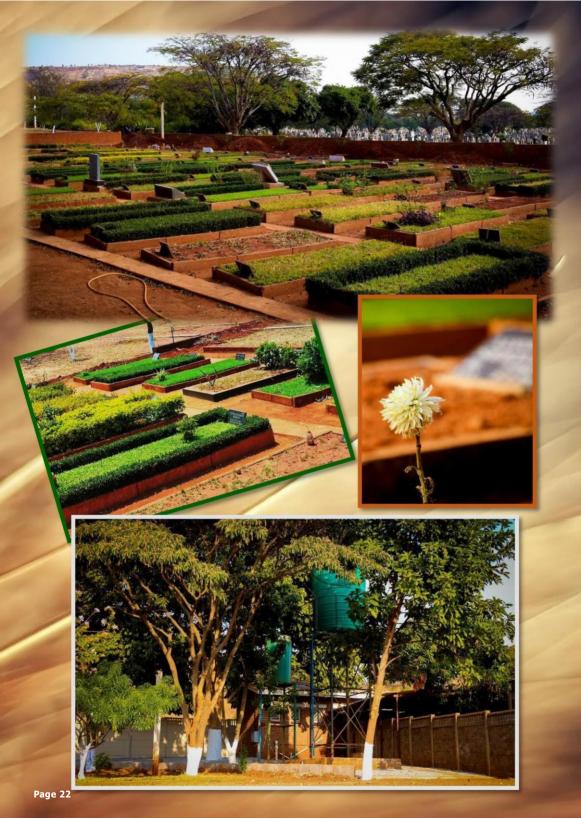
May Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala guide me and you and all of us to that which He loves and is pleased with.

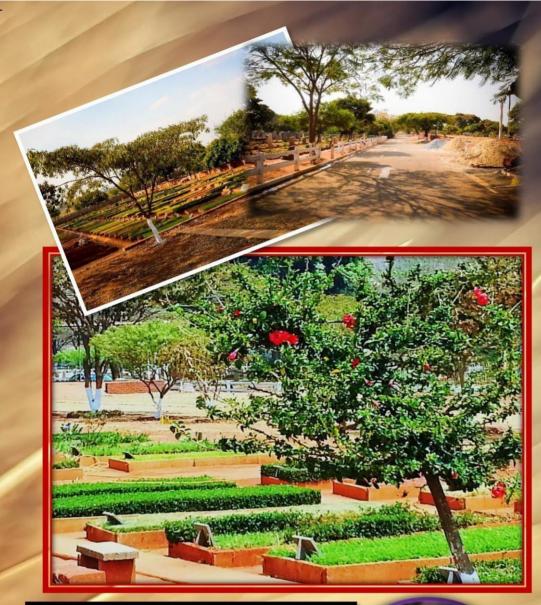
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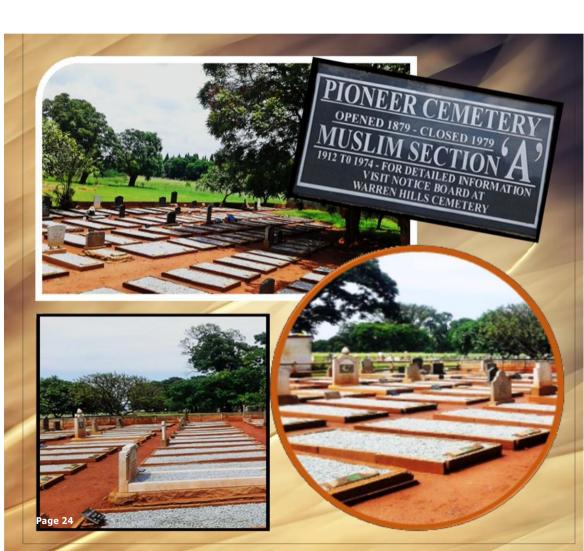




Pioneer Cemetery

Within this cemetery are buried Muslim men/women and children from the period 1912 to 1979. They were the first and second generations from India who arrived in the Southern Rhodesia, and are parents, grandparents and great grandparents to the generations that followed.

We, the present generation, and the generations that will follow must not forget them. We should on a regular basis visit this cemetery and offer our dua's for their salvation. We must express our gratitude to them for the many sacrifices they made to give us the life we are blessed with in this beautiful country now called Zimbabwe. May their souls rest in peace and may Allah grant them Jannah.





Fly Air Janaza

When we are leaving this world for the next, it shall be like a trip to a foreign country. Where details of that country will not be found in glamorous travel brochures, but in the **Holy Quran and Hadith.**

Where our plane will not be British Airways, Gulf or Emirates etc, but Air Janaza.

Where our luggage will not be limited to 30 Kg, but our deeds, no matter how heavy they weigh.

You don't pay for excess luggage, they are carried free of charge, with compliments from our **Creator**.

Where our dress will not be "Pierre Cardin" or the like, but the white cotton shroud.

Where our perfume will not be Chanel or Paco Rabanne, but camphor and attar.

Where our passports will not be Indian, British, or South African, but Al - Islam.

Where our visas will not be six months leave to stay or else, but "Laa Ilaaha illaaha."

Where our hostess will not be a gorgeous female, but his name will be Isra-eel.

Where the In-flight services will not be first class or economy, but a piece of beautifully scented cloth.

Where our destination will not be Heathrow or Jeddah International, but the final terminal being the **Qabrastan.**

Where our waiting lounge will not be nicely carpeted and air-conditioned rooms, but the six feet deep gloomy **Qabr.**

Where the Immigration Officer will not be His Majesty's Officers, but **Munkeer and Nakeer.**

They only check out whether you deserve the place you earned to go.

Where there is no need for Customs Officers or detectors. Where the transit airport will be **Al-Barzakh.**

Where our final place of destination will either be the garden under which rivers flow or the hellfire.

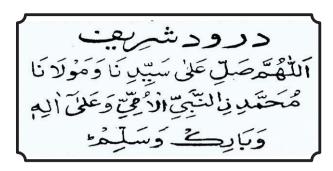
The trip doesn't come with a price tag. Its free of charge, so your savings would not come in handy.

This flight can never be hijacked, so don't worry about terrorists.

Food will not be served on this flight, so don't worry about your allergies or whether the food is Halaal.

Don't worry about any delays. This flight is always punctual. It arrives and leaves on time. Don't worry about booking this trip, it has already been booked (return) the day you become a foetus in your mother's womb.

At last good news! Don't worry who will be sitting next to you. You will have the luxury of being the only passenger. One small snag though, this trip comes with **No Warning.**



For the Esaale Sawaab Dua Recite Darood Three times before and after Dua

"All praises are due to Allah, the Rabb of the Worlds.

Blessings and salutations on the best of the Ambiyaa.

Our Master, Hadhrat Muhammad . His decedents and all his companions."

O Allah, convey the reward of what I am reciting to My Late Parents, Brothers and Sisters. Family members, friends and the entire Ummah of Nabi ## UNTIL THE DAY OF QIYAMAH.

O Allah! Forgive them, have mercy on them and grant them Janaat-ul-Firdous.

O Allah! Forgive them, have mercy on them and grant them comfort in Jannah.

- O Allah! Forgive them, their minor and major sins.
- O Allah! Fill their Oabr with Noor.
- O Allah! Save them from the punishment of the Qabr.
- O Allah! Calm their souls and give them high stages in Jannah.
- O Allah! Save them from the great heat on the day of Qiyamah.
- O Allah! Let them be in the congregation of our Nabi * on the day of Qiyamah.
- O Allah! Grant them intercession of our beloved Nabi # O Allah! Give them the reality of your noor.
- O Allah! Keep their legs firm when crossing the bridge Siraat
- O Allah! Give their books of actions in their right hands.
- O Allah! Let them drink from the Hawze Kausar by the

Blessed hands of our Nabi # on the day of Qiyamah. O

Allah! Please accept this Dua of mine.

SUBHAANAH RABBIKA RABBIL IZZATI AMMA YASIFOON WASALAMUN ALAL MURSALEEN WALHAMDULILLAHI RABBIL AALAMIN.

My Dua – From Sister Ayesha Ahmid (Brisbane Australia)

O Allah, I thank you for this day.

I thank you for my being able to see and hear today.

I'm blessed because you are forgiving and understanding.

O Allah, you have done so much for me and you keep blessing me.

Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to you.

I ask for you now for your forgiveness.

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm.

Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude.

Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear you.

Please broaden my mind so that I can accept all things.

Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over.

Let me continue to see through Your eyes and acknowledge it as evil.

And when I sin let me repent and receive your forgiveness.

And when this world closes in on me let me remember you – slip away and find a quiet place to make Dua.

It is the best response when I am pushed beyond my limits.

I know that when I can't make Dua, you listen to my heart Continue to use your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others.

Keep me strong that I may have words of encouragement for others,

I make Dua for those that are lost and can't find their way.

I make Dua for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I make Dua for those who don't know You intimately.

I make Dua for those that don't believe.

I believe that Allah changes people and Allah changes things.

I make Dua for all my sisters and brothers.

For each member in their households.

I make Dua for peace, love, and joy in their homes,

that they are out of debt and all their needs are met.

I make Dua that every eye that reads this knows that there is no problem, circumstance, or situation, greater than Allah.

Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight.

I make Dua that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees them and every mouth that confesses them willingly. This is my Dua.

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NOTHING IS GUARANTEED IN LIFE.

DON'T TAKE THINGS FOR **GRANTED**.

HERE **TODAY**, GONE **TOMORROW** IS REAL AND MANY OF US HAVE SEEN IT HAPPEN TO OUR LOVED ONES AND CLOSE FRIENDS.

WE NEVER KNOW WHEN OUR **TIME** WILL BE UP.

so FORGIVE,

SPREAD GOODNESS AND PRAY FOR A GOOD END TO OUR JOURNEY.

