



**Covid 19 Procedure effective immediately** : Janazah and funeral services will be limited to maximum of 10 immediate family members to enter Masjid with no more than 2 individuals allowed to assist in ghusl. The cemetery also will limit 10 people to gather for tadfeen.

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### **From The Deathbed To The Grave**

- Services of a funeral director consist of getting the body released, wherever the body may be, and transporting it from the place of death to the funeral facility while abiding by the regulations and preparing the body for burial.
- The funeral prep-room is where the body is washed, shrouded and placed in a coffin for burial after Salat-al-Janazah (funeral prayer). MMC has a funeral prep-room within the premises of our building at 4850 N St Louis Ave, Chicago, IL 60625 in Chicago.

### **Whom To Contact In Case Of Death**

1. THE POLICE: 911 if sudden death. If natural death, call the nurse.
2. Madinah Masjid Chicago Funeral Committee: (+1)773-519-7861

**PREPARATION:** Alhamdulillah, Madinah Masjid has a funeral Preparation room within the building in Chicago. The facility provides a dignified and convenient place for preparing bodies for burial, according to Islamic sharia requirements. The Facility consists of a body-washing table, a table to enshroud the body (kafan), and three refrigerated storage units for temporarily storing bodies. The facility is designed and built to meet the applicable city code requirements. Its closeness to the

Masjid provides added convenience to the family of the deceased and soothing environment.

**STEPS OF WASHING:** Privacy for the deceased is a crucial and important requirement at all times during the ghusl.

- The body of the deceased should be placed on a table or alike, the deceased's clothes should be removed, and the body should be covered with a sheet of cloth at all times during the ghusl
- The Auwra (private parts) of the deceased should be covered with a sheet of cloth (The Auwra of a male is from the naval to the knee in the presence of males, for the female it is the same in the presence of females)
- The head and the upper body should be raised slightly to insure the washing water with exudations from the body flows down and does not run back to the body
- Remove any items or objects not already removed. These include watches, hospital or mortuary ID tags, wound dressings, IV lines, peg tubes, artificial limbs. If there is any active bleeding or wound discharge then that may be padded and dressed.
  - The washer should start washing by saying: "Bismillah" (In the name of Allah)
- The washer wears gloves or winds a piece of cloth around his hand, and with this he cleans away any impurities from the body using water. Then he should dispose of the gloves.
- The washer should take another pair of gloves, press lightly on the stomach of the deceased to expel, if possible, any remnants from it, and then wash the body of all impurities using water. Then he should dispose of the gloves.
- The washer should take another pair of gloves, and wash the covered private parts, then dispose of the gloves. The washer should perform wudhu (ablution) for the deceased without inserting the water in the nose and in the mouth. May use a piece of wet cotton wool in a small roll to clean nose and front teeth
- The washer should clean the body with water and soap (if available), starting from the head (hair, face and beard in men), then the upper right side of the body then the left side, after that the lower right side then the lower left.
- In the case of a female, her hair should be loosened, washed, combed, and be braided in three braids, and placed behind her back.
- The washing should be done three times, or five times, or seven times, as needed, providing that after washing the head, wash the right side before the left, and the upper parts before the lower ones.
  - In the last wash, the washer may use camphor, or some perfume with the water.
  - After that the body should be dried with a clean towel.

- Then the body should be covered with a clean sheet. The auwra must be kept covered at all times.
  - Get ready to start the shrouding

**AL-KAFAN (SHROUDING THE DEAD MUSLIM)** Shrouding should start immediately after

washing and drying the body of the deceased. It is recommended to use white sheets from inexpensive material. Extravagance is not recommended in the Kafan (Shroud). All measurements may vary depending on the stature of the deceased. The material of the sheet should not have any stitching, not be silk, nor should any gold be used. We have a roll of fabric available should you need to cut a specific size. **THE KAFAN OF A MALE:** The Kafan of a male should consist of three white wrapping sheets, and 4 tie ropes

- Outer sheet – Lifafah
- Second sheet – Izaar
- Third sheet – Qamees (shirt)
- 3-4 ties
- 2 smaller sheets (satar) used cover the private parts (auwra) one before and the other after ghusl

### **STEPS OF SHROUDING:**

- The wrapping sheets should be opened and spread out one on the top of the other.
- Roll up the front half of the top sheet towards the head – Qamees (shirt)
- The deceased, covered with a sheet (satar), is lifted and laid on his back on this top sheet (Qamees)
- The Qamees is then unrolled over the front of the body and once the body is covered then remove the satar (covering sheet)
- Some scent or perfume or sandal wood paste may be put on those parts of the body upon which one rests during prostration, that is the forehead, nose, hands, knees, and feet.
- If it is possible the deceased's left hand should be placed on his chest, then put his right hand on the left hand like the way in the Salat (Prayer)
- The edge of the next sheet (Izaar) is then folded over the deceased right side, then the

other edge over his left side.

- Then the last sheet (Lifafah) should be folded the same way.
- These sheets should be fastened with a piece of cloth (tie ropes), one above the head, another under the feet, and two around the body
- This completes the shrouding for the male.

**THE KAFAN OF A FEMALE:** The Kafan of a female should consist of five white garments and 4 ties.

- Outermost sheet – Lifafah
- Second sheet – Sinaband – to cover from under armpits to thighs
- Third sheet – Izaar
- Fourth layer – Qamees
- Last piece – Orni – to cover head and hair
- 3-4 ties
- 2 smaller sheets (satar) used cover the private parts one before and the other after ghusl

### **THE PROHIBITED TIMES OF SALATUL JANAZAH:**

- From sunrise until the sun is fully risen
- At the zenith of the sun (the sun at meridian), until it passes the meridian
- From when the sun pales before sunset until it has set.

**SALAT-AL-JANAZA (FUNERAL PRAYER) Salat al-Janaza**, is the prayer for the

forgiveness of the deceased, it is offered in a Masjid generally after a congregational prayer at MMC. It will make it convenient to prepare the body in the premises where the Masjid is located. The family and friends should be invited to participate in the prayer along with other Muslims who attend daily prayers. The Imam will go over the procedure of the prayer. The MCC Imam will be designated for all prayers conducted at MCC (No Exceptions). Typically the Janazah Salah is immediately prayed after the Zuhr prayer or Sunnah prayers. STEPS OF SALATUL JANAZAH: Muslims should form a minimum of three lines facing the Qiblah. If there is only one Muslim with the Imam, he should stand behind the Imam. The body should be placed in front of the person who leads the prayer. In case there are more than one deceased (males and females), then the female should be placed in the first row in the direction of the Qiblah, then the male in the following row, then the Imam. For example : If there are : a dead Muslim male, a female, a young girl, and a young boy, then behind the Qiblah, first place the body of the young girl, then the adult female, then the young boy, then the adult male, so the bodies are arranged in a way that female bodies are first, then the males. The Imam should stand by the middle of a female body, and by the head for a male body, this is due to the Hadith in which Anas related that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) leading Salatul Janazah for a dead male, the Prophet (PBUH) stood in front of the deceased head, and for a dead female, the Prophet (PBUH) stood in front of the middle of her body. ( Authentic-Abu Dawood). In another Hadith Samura ben Jundub said when Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) made Salatul Janazah for a dead Muslim female, he stood in front of her waist (Muslim). There is no Ruku, Sujud, Adhan, or Iqahma.

- Having the appropriate neeyah (Intention), raise your hands in the usual manner:
- Say “Allahu Akbar”(Allah is the Greatest)
- Fold your right hand over the left hand in the usual manner
- Recite the Thanah or Surah Fatiha silently
- Then say : “Allahu Akbar”(Allah is the Greatest)
- Then recite the Durood-e-Ibrahim: ALLAHUMMA SALLI ALA MUHAMMADIW WA ALA AALI MUHAMMADIN KAMAA SALLAITA ALA IBRAHIMA WA ALA AALI IBRAHIMA INNAKA HAMIDUM MAJID. ALLAHUMMA BAARIK ALA MUHAMMADIW WA ALA AALI MUHAMMADIN KAMAA BAARAKTA ALA IBRAHIMA WA ALA AALI IBRAHIMA INNAKA HAMIDUM MAJID. “O Allah, let Your Blessings come upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as you have blessed Ibrahim and his family. Truly, You are Praiseworthy and Glorious. Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as you have blessed Ibrahim and his family. Truly, You are Praiseworthy and Glorious”.
- Then say: “Allahu Akbar”(Allah is the Greatest)
- Then make dua’ (Supplicate) for the deceased. Allaahum-maghfir lihayyinaa, wa mayyitinaa, wa shaahidinaa, wa ghaa’ibinaa, wa sagheerinaa wa kabeerinaa, wa thakarinaa wa ‘unthaanaa. Allaahumma man ‘ahyaytahu minnaa fa’ahyih ‘alal-‘Islaami, wa man tawaffaytahu minnaa fatawaffahu ‘alal-‘eemaani, Allaahumma laa tahrimnaa ‘ajrahu wa laa tudhillanaa ba’dahu.

- “O Allah forgive our living and our dead, those who are with us and those who are absent, our young and our old, our menfolk and our womenfolk. O Allah, whomever you give life from among us give him life in Islam, and whomever you take away from us take him away in Faith. O Allah, do not forbid us their reward and do not send us astray after them.
- Then say: “Allahu Akbar” (Allah is the Greatest) and make any  
Dua
- The Imam will then make Tasleem from right to left and this will conclude the Janazah salah.