

Paying respect at Graves/ Tombs/ Shrines

My respected elder brothers & sisters when you leave to visit Graves/ Tombs/ Shrines one must be aware of the following:

“Iza taheyur tum fil umari istahimomin ahle kabur”

Prophet Mohammed (SAW) said when you are in such a dilemma and can see no way out then this is the time to take the guidance's of those in the graves.

Before leaving it is necessary to do ghusal (take a bath), when entering the tomb area say Bismilallah, first put your right leg and say *“O believers the members of Muslim household I pay my salaam to you, may Allah forgive all our generation insha Allah we will meet soon”* then turn towards the mosque while entering read ***“Allahuma magfirli abwaba rehmatika”*** putting your right foot first read ***“Bismillahi ujwalto walayhi tawakalto wanuwayto sunnatul itekaaf”*** then read 6 rakats nafil namaz with 3 salaams as follows:

- 2 Rakats namaz nafil tahiyatul wadu
- 2 Rakats namaz nafil tahiyatul Masjid
- 2 Rakat namaz nafil istekfar

Process of reading above namaz

- 1st Rakats after Surah Fateha read Surah Qadr
- 2nd Rakat after Surah Fateha read Surah Ikhlas

After every 2 Rakats read Darood Sharreef as much as possible and make dua
If at any point it is time for namaz do not delay and that namaz should be read first. After which proceed towards the tomb on which a poet has written

***“Nigahey wali mein who taseer dekhi
Badlatey hazaroon ki taqdeer dekhi”.***

On which in the holy quran Allah (swt) says

“Alla inna aulia alleyhi la khaufun aleyhim wala hum yah zanoon allazena wakanu yatakun”

(Beware Allah (swt)'s wali's have no fear, no sorrow, those who have faith and fear of Allah (swt))

“Lahumul bushra fil hayatid duniya wafil akhira la tabdil liklimitilallah zalikul howal fauzul azim”

(For those there is good news, there is no change in the worldly life and life after death. This is benefit of Allah (swt) word)

Then go towards the head of the tomb and do tilawate quran, darood sharif should be read before and after tilawate Quran, when you finish proceed towards the foot of the tomb and touch/ kiss the feet, kiss the ghilaf and make dua to Allah making the valis Wasilla (link) read

Aayte Karima

Ya Ayahulazeena ammantakullah wabtagu illahul wasila
(O believers fear Allah and find a wasilla)

Proving those who you can touch/kiss cannot be Allah but walis are not apart from Allah, because Allah cannot be touched/kissed

Main manta ho aye akal walo hamare wali khuda nahi
Per dilo pe naksh karlo who khuda se juda nahi

(I believe our walis are not Allah but engrave this into your heart that they are not separated from Allah)