

## **General Islamic Funeral Guidelines**

### ***What to do before imminent death?***

Immediately after the death has occurred and it has been verified, close the eyes of the deceased eyes; the mouth and jaws are tied gently with broad bands or pieces of cloth so that they do not remain wide open; the legs should be tied in the same way. The body should be covered, and must always remain covered, preferably with a white sheet of cloth.

Invoke Allah and say: “Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji’un” (To God we belong and to Him is our return).

Crying with no wailing is permitted. The prophet (pbuh) wept on the death of his son, Ibrahim and said: “The eyes shed tears and the heart feels pain, but we utter only what pleases our Lord. O Ibrahim! We are aggrieved at your demise.”

Contact Yaseen for funeral arrangements without delay; Relatives and friends should be notified. The body must not be kept waiting unnecessarily.

Immediate family and friends are to prepare food for the bereaved family for three days.

### ***What to do after death?***

Immediately after the death has occurred and it has been verified, close the eyes of the deceased eyes; the mouth and jaws are tied gently with broad bands or pieces of cloth so that they do not remain wide open; the legs should be tied in the same way. The body should be covered, and must always remain covered, preferably with a white sheet of cloth.

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May Allah Ta’ala strengthen your family during this difficult time. Ameen.