

Protocol for the Qabrastan:

When entering a graveyard:

Greeting those buried in a graveyard as narrated from Imam al-Şādiq (peace be upon him):

السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الدِّيَارِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ ، أَنْتُمْ لَنَا فَرَطٌ وَنَحْنُ
إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ بِكُمْ لِأَحْفُونَ.

*Assalāmu ‘alā ahli-d-diyāri minal mu’minīna wal muslimīn,
Antum lanā farāṭun wa naḥnu in shā’allāhu bikum lāhiqūn.*

Peace be upon all the believers and Muslims who dwell in the world after death.
You have preceded us and if Allāh wills we will join you.

Supplication for entering a graveyard as narrated from Imam al-Ḥusayn (peace be upon him):

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الْأَرْوَاحِ الْفَانِيَةِ ، وَالْأَجْسَادِ الْبَالِيَةِ ، وَالْعِظَامِ النَّخِرَةِ ،
الَّتِي خَرَجَتْ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَهِيَ بِكَ مُؤْمِنَةٌ ، ادْخِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ رَوْحاً مِنْكَ
وَسَلَاماً مِنِّي.

*Allāhumma rabba hādhihil arwāḥil fāniyah, wal ajsādil bāliyah, wal ‘idhami-n-nakhirah, allatī
kharajat min ad-dunyā wa hiya bika mu’minah, adkḥil ‘alayhim rawḥan minka wa salāman
minnī.*

O Allāh, the Creator, Nourisher, and Protector of these souls whose stay in this world was temporary, of these bodies that are decomposed, and of these bones that have rotted – those who left this world while they had faith in You. Give them spirit and happiness from You and convey my greetings of peace to them.

Ziyārat of those who are buried narrated from Imām ‘Alī (peace be upon him) to be recited upon entering a graveyard:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ، السَّلَامُ عَلَى أَهْلِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مِنْ أَهْلِ لَا
إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، يَا أَهْلَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، بِحَقِّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، كَيْفَ وَجَدْتُمْ
قَوْلَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مِنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، يَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، بِحَقِّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ ، إِغْفِرْ لِمَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَاحْشُرْنَا فِي زُمْرَةِ مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ
إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ عَلَيَّ وَوَلِيِّ اللَّهِ.

Bismi-l-lāhi-r-raḥmāni-r-raḥīm
Assalāmu ‘alā ahli lā ilāha illā-l-lāhu min ahli lā ilāha illallāh,
Yā aḥla lā ilāha illallāh, bi ḥaqqi lā ilāha illallāh,
Kayfa wajadtum qawla lā ilāha illā-l-lāhu min lā ilāha illallāh,
Yā lā ilāha illallāh, bi ḥaqqi lā ilāha illallāh,
Ighfir līman qāla lā ilāha illallāh,
Waḥshurnā fī zumrati man qāla lā ilāha illallāh,
Muḥammadu-r-rasūlullāhi ‘alīyyun waliyyullāh

In the Name of Allāh, the Compassionate, the Merciful
Peace be upon the people of the creed of Divine Unity (*tawhīd*), *lā ilāha illallāh* (there is none worthy of worship but Allāh), from the people of *lā ilāha illallāh*.

O the people of *lā ilāha illallāh*!

By the sake of *lā ilāha illallāh*!

How do you find the (result) of (the creed of) *lā ilāha illallāh*, (which comes) from One who there is none worthy of worship but He (Allāh)?

O Allāh – one who there is none worthy of worship but You!

By the sake of *lā ilāha illallāh*!

Forgive those who follow the creed of *lā ilāha illallāh*,

And resurrect us along with those who believe in and say: There is no god but Allāh, Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allāh, ‘Alī is the beloved of Allāh.

According to a tradition narrated from Imām al-Ṣādiq (peace be upon him), those who are buried recognize those who visit them and find comfort and happiness in their company.

To be recited when next to a grave:

Supplication #1

Face the direction of *qiblah*, place your hand on the grave, and recite:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْ غُرْبَتَهُ ، وَ صِلْ وَحْدَتَهُ ، وَ آنِسْ وَحْشَتَهُ ، وَ آمِنْ رَوْعَتَهُ ،
وَ أَسْكِنْ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ رَحْمَةً يَسْتَعْنِي بِهَا عَنْ رَحْمَةٍ مِنْ سِوَاكَ ،
وَ الْحَقُّهُ بِمَنْ كَانَ يَتَوَلَّاهُ .

Allāhummarḥam ghurbatah, wa ṣil waḥdatah, wa ānis waḥshatah, wa āmin raw‘atah,
wa askin ilayhī min raḥmatik, raḥmatan yastaghni bihā ‘an raḥmati man siwāk, wa alḥiqhu bi
man kāna yatawallāh.

O Allah, have mercy on his exile and separation, take away his loneliness, relieve his fear, let Your mercy be a companion in his grave, such mercy that he will be free of need of mercy from anyone other than You, and join him with whomever he used to love and follow.

Then recite the surah of Qadr (*innā anzalnā*) 7 times.

Supplication #2

اللَّهُمَّ جَافِ الْأَرْضَ عَنْ جُنُوبِهِمْ ، وَصَاعِدِ إِلَيْكَ أَرْوَاحَهُمْ ، وَلَقِهِمْ مِنْكَ
رِضْوَانًا ، وَ أَسْكِنِ إِلَيْهِمْ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ مَا تَصِلُ بِهِ وَحَدَّتْهُمْ ، وَتُؤْنِسُ بِهِ
وَخَشَتَهُمْ ، إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ .

*Allāhumma jāfil arḍa ‘an junūbihim, wa ṣā‘id ilayka arwāḥahum, wa laqqihim minka riḍwānā,
wa askin ilayhim min raḥmatika mā taṣilu bihi waḥdatahum, wa tu’nisu bihi waḥshatahum,
innaka ‘alā kulli shay’in qadīr.*

O Allāh, do not let them be comfortable simply lying on their sides on the earth,
(but rather) elevate their souls to You,
Grant them Your pleasure,
Give them from Your mercy what will serve as a companion to their loneliness,
and what will relieve their fear,
Indeed You are capable of all things.

Supplication #3

Recite three times:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ أَنْ لَا تُعَذِّبَ هَذَا الْمَيِّتَ .

*Allāhumma innī as’aluka biḥaqqi muḥammadin wa āli muḥammad,
an lā tu‘adh-dhiba hādhal mayyit.*

O Allah, I ask you by the sake of Muḥammad and the family of Muḥammad to not punish this
deceased.

When passing among the graves, recite the surah of tawḥīd (*qul huwa-llāhu aḥad*) 11 times and
gift the reward of the recitation to those who are buried.