

105355 - After burial, should supplication be offered for the deceased sitting or standing?

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How should supplication be offered for the deceased after burying him and levelling the soil on the grave — sitting or standing? Which of them is better?.

Detailed answer

The Sunnah for the one who wants to offer supplication for the deceased after he has been buried and the soil has been levelled over him is to offer supplication whilst standing. The basic principle concerning that is the report narrated by Abu Dawood with his isnaad from ‘Uthmaan (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: When the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) finished burying the deceased person, he would stand over him and say: “Ask for forgiveness for your brother and ask that he be made steadfast, for right now he is being questioned.” Abu Dawood and al-Mundhiri remained silent about it. It was also narrated by al-Haakim who classed it as saheeh, and by al-Bazaar who said: It was not narrated from the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) except through this isnaad.

And Allah is the source of strength. May Allah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and Companions. End quote.