

One day, the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Give presents to your dead people."

"O Allah's Messenger," we asked, "what should we give as presents to our dead people?"

"You should present them alms and supplications," instructed the Holy Prophet (ﷺ).

He then added, "Every Friday, the souls of the believers come down to the lowest sky directly on their houses and homes and each one of them cry out with sad tone and weep, saying, 'O my family members! O my sons! O my father! O my mother! O my relatives! Be kind to us, may Allah have mercy upon you, by presenting us some of that which was possessed by us!

Imam al-Riḍā (ʿa) said, 'Whoever comes to the graves of his brother-in-faith and puts his hand on the grave, directs his face towards the kiblah and recites **Sūrah al-Qadr (No. 97) seven times**, will be secured on the Great Horror Day."

Abdullāh ibn Sinān has reported that he asked Imam al-Ṣādiq (ʿa) to teach him how to salute the inhabitants in graves. The Imam (ʿa) replied that he might say the following words:

Peace be upon the inhabitants of these graves, the faithful believers and Muslims.	alssalāmu `alā ahli alddiyāri min almu'minīna walmuslimīna	السَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ الدِّيَارِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ
You have preceded us,	antum lanā faraṭun	أَنْتُمْ لَنَا فَارَطٌ
and we, Allah willing, shall join you.	wa naḥnu in shā'a allāhu bikum lāḥiqūna	وَتَحْنُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ بِكُمْ لِأَحِقُونَ

Imam al-Ḥusayn, peace be upon him, is reported to have said that whoever enters a graveyard and says the following words, Almighty Allah will record for him rewards that are as many as the creatures from the time of (Prophet) Adam up to the coming of the Hour (of Resurrection):

O Allah, O Lord of these extinct souls,	allāhumma rabba hādhihī al- arwāḥi alfāniyati	اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ هَذِهِ الْأَرْوَاحِ الْفَانِيَةِ
rotten bodies,	wal-ajsādi albāliyati	وَالْأَجْسَادِ الْبَالِيَةِ
and crumbled bones	wal`izāmi alnnakhirati	وَالْعِظَامِ النَّخِرَةِ
that left this worldly life bearing faith in You,	allatī kharajat min alddunyā wa hiya bika mu'minatun	الَّتِي خَرَجَتْ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَهِيَ بِكَ مُؤْمِنَةٌ
(please) insert into them rest from You and salutation from me.	adkhil `alayhim rawḥan minka wa salāman minnī	ادْخِلْ عَلَيْهِمْ رَوْحًا مِنْكَ وَسَلَامًا مِنِّي

Imam `Alī, peace be upon him, is reported to have said that whoever enters a graveyard and says the following words, Almighty Allah will grant him the reward of fifty-year worship and erases from him and his parents the punishment of fifty-year wrongdoings:

Peace be upon the group of "There is no god save Allah"	alssalāmu `lā ahli lā ilāha illā allāhu	السَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
from the group of "There is no god save Allah."	min ahli lā ilāha illā allāhu	مِنْ أَهْلِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
O group of "There is no god save Allah,"	yā ahla lā ilāha illā allāhu	يَا أَهْلَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
in the name of "There is no god save Allah,"	biḥaqqi lā ilāha illā allāhu	بِحَقِّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

how have you found the profession of “There is no god save Allah”	kayfa wajadtum qawla lā ilāha illā allāhu	كَيْفَ وَجَدْتُمْ قَوْلَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
from “There is no god save Allah?”	min lā ilāha illā allāhu	مِنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
O He to Whom “There is no god save Allah” is said,	yā lā ilāha illā allāhu	يَا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
I beseech You in the name of “There is no god save Allah”	biḥaqqi lā ilāha illā allāhu	بِحَقِّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
to forgive any one who professed that “There is no god save Allah”	ighfir liman qāla lā ilāha illā allāhu	أَغْفِرْ لِمَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
and to include us in the group of those who professed that “There is no god save Allah.	waḥshurnā fī zumrati man qāla lā ilāha illā allāhu	وَأَحْشِرْنَا فِي زُمْرَةِ مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allah.	muḥammadun rasūlu allāhi	مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
‘Alī is the authority from Allah.”	‘aliyyun waliyyu allāhi	عَلِيٌّ وَوَلِيُّ اللَّهِ

According to another tradition, the best thing to be said whenever one passes by a graveyard is the following words, after stopping there:

O Allah, (please) turn them to that to which they have turned	allāhumma wallihim mā tawallaw	اللَّهُمَّ وَلِّهِمْ مَا تَوَلَّوْا
and join them to those whom they have loved.	waḥshurhum ma`a man aḥabbū	وَأَحْشِرْهُمْ مَعَ مَنْ أَحَبَّوْا

In his book of *Miṣbāḥ al-Zā'ir*, Sayyid ibn Ṭāwūs says: When you intend to visit the graves of the faithful believers, you may choose Thursday; otherwise, you may visit them on any other day. To do so, you may turn your face towards the kiblah direction, put your hand on the grave, and say the following words:

O Allah, (please) have mercy on his strangeness,	allāhumma irḥam ghurbatahū	اللَّهُمَّ أَرْحَمْ غُرْبَتَهُ
connect his loneliness,	wa ṣil waḥdatahū	وَصِلْ وَحْدَتَهُ
entertain his isolation,	wa ānis waḥshatahū	وَأْنِسْ وَحْشَتَهُ
secure his horror,	wa āmin raw`atahū	وَأْمِنْ رَوْعَتَهُ
attach Your mercy to him;	wa askin ilayhi min raḥmatika	وَاسْكِنْ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ
such mercy by which he can do without the mercy of anyone other than You,	raḥmatan yastaghni bihā `an raḥmati man siwāka	رَحْمَةً يَسْتَغْنِي بِهَا عَنْ رَحْمَةِ مَنْ سِوَاكَ
and join him to those to whom he has adhered.	wa alḥiqhu biman kāna yatawallāhu	وَإِلْحِقْهُ بِمَنْ كَانَ يَتَوَلَّاهُ