

Performing The Janaazah salaah for Several People at once

Q: Janaa'iz-62: A woman and three little boys and girls passed away in a town close to our village. Will the Janaazah salaah be valid if they are all placed in a line in order and one Janaazah salaah performed? Can one Janaazah salaah be performed if the children were not of age? If one Janaazah salaah suffices, how must the Janaazah salaah be performed and how must the bodies be placed? Please furnish a detailed reply.

Answer: There is no harm in performing the Janaazah salaah for all of them at once. The Janaazah salaah will then be valid for them all. The du'aa recited for adults will suffice for all because it applies to young people as well. It is however best to perform each Janaazah salaah separately, with the Janaazah salaah of the best of them being performed first, followed by the next best and so forth.

If all are performed at once, it is necessary for the intention to include them all. If they are varied in type, there are three manners in which they may be placed:

The First: Line all the bodies from north to south with the man's body first. The boy should be placed at the man's feet, the woman at the boy's feet and the girl at the woman's feet. The Imaam will then stand before the man. The scenario is as follows:

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Girl