



**First question of Fatwa no. (9610) :**

**Q1: A person testifies that there is no god worthy of worship but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, and offers Salah (prayer) on time, however, he supplicates to other than Allah. When that person dies, is it permissible to attend their funeral or not?**

**A1:** Supplication is a form of worship. Thus, directing any portion of it to anyone other than Allah is a major form of Shirk (polytheism) which takes one out of the fold of Islam. Allah the Exalted stated, ﴿ And whoever invokes (or worships), besides Allah, any other ilah (god), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! Al-Kafirun (the disbelievers in Allah and in the Oneness of Allah, polytheists, pagans, idolaters) will not be successful. ﴾ (Surah Al-Mu'minun, 23: 117). Allah also states, ﴿ And invoke not besides Allah any such that will neither profit you nor harm you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers). ﴾ (Surah Yunus, 10: 106). He refers to Mushrikun (those who associate others in worship with Allah).

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Thus, it is not permissible to offer the funeral prayer on those who do so, or attend their funeral if they die before Tawbah (repentance to Allah).

May Allah grant us success! Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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