

Praying in a shrine seeking blessings from the Walee

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Question: Is it permissible to call a person a Kaafir (disbeliever) if they perform Salaah (Prayer) in the graveyard seeking the blessings of the Walee (pious person) buried there?

Answer: It is prohibited to perform Salaah in a place where there is a grave. If one intends to become closer or receive the pleasure of a Walee by performing Salaah there, then doing so is Shirk Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allaah). Allaah (Exalted be He) says: **Say (O Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹): "Verily, my Salaah (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allaah, the Lord of the 'Alameen (mankind, jinn and all that exists).**

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him