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Ruling on those who die having abandoned Salah (Prayer)

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Q 3: What is the ruling on those who die who, while alive, would perform no more than Jumu`ah (Friday) Salah? Is it obligatory on Muslims to bury them and offer funeral Salah on their behalf?

A: If what you have just mentioned is the case, bear in mind that Muslim scholars unanimously agreed that one who abandons Salah denying its being obligatory is a Kafir (disbeliever). If he abandons it out of negligence while believing it to be obligatory, he is deemed according to the sound opinion of scholars to be a Kafir due to authentic evidence to this effect. Based on this sound opinion, the dead body of such a person may not be washed and Muslims may not offer funeral Salah on his behalf. Moreover, such a person may not be buried in Muslim graveyards. Rather, he may be buried in a specific location apart from Muslim graveyards.

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

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