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'Abdullāh ibn Abi Awfa (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that he offered the funeral prayer for his daughter, during which he made four Takbirs, and after the fourth one he remained for a while, supplicating and seeking Allah's forgiveness for her. To clarify this in detail, he makes one Takbir to enter the prayer, recites Surat al-Fatihah, makes a second Takbir, invokes Allah's peace and blessings upon the Prophet, makes a third Takbir, supplicates for the dead person, and then makes a fourth Takbir. After making Taslim, 'Abdullah ibn Abi Awfa said to those praying with him: "The Messenger of Allah used to do so." That is he would make four Takbirs and supplicate for the deceased after the fourth one. In another narration: He made four Takbirs, after which he supplicated for her for so long that those praying behind him thought he would make the fifth Takbir. Then, he made Taslim to the right and to the left, like in ordinary prayers. After finishing the prayer, the people asked him about why he stayed for a while after the fourth Takbir, before making Taslim, and he replied that he adhered to what the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) had done, not adding anything. As for the manner of Taslim, it is subject to scholarly difference, but the more correct practice, which was more commonly done by the Companions, is to make Taslim to the right only.

