The first question from Fatwa no. 9686

Q 1: Is it permissible to call a person a Kafir (disbeliever) if they perform Salah (Prayer) in the graveyard seeking the blessings of the Waliy (pious person) buried there?

(Part No. 1; Page No. 418)

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

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

The Permanent Committee for Scholarly Research and Ifta'

Member	Deputy Chairman	Chairman
`Abdullah ibn Ghudayyan	`Abdul-Razzaq `Afify	`Abdul-`Aziz ibn `Abdullah ibn Baz

The General Presidency of Scholarly Research and Ifta'. All Rights Reserved.