Fatwa no. (4184):

Q: My Qur'an teacher and my mother's great-grandfather died. They used to write Ayahs of the Qur'an in rings and give them to people. Before their death they urged me to continue reciting the Qur'an. I continued to do so until I learned the principles of Tawhid (monotheism) which made me realize that they were in error. Can I supplicate to Allah to have mercy upon them and forgive them? Peace and blessings of Allah be upon you.

A: Writing Ayahs of the Qur'an to be worn as amulets is impermissible, as is wearing them for protection, healing, or repelling harm. However, you may ask for mercy and forgiveness for your teacher and grandfather, even if they used to do so. This is not considered Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), but it is only impermissible, unless you are aware of anything else which renders them disbelievers; such as supplicating to the dead, seeking the support of Jinn (creatures created from fire), and such practices related to Al-Shirk-ul-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah). In this case, you should not supplicate to Allah to forgive them. May Allah grant us success! Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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