



## Will in Islam

Āllah says in *Qurān* Chapter 2 Verse 180:

Āllah has written upon all of you to write your wills under His rules and to care about parents and relatives in this will. This is a command from Āllah for all the righteous.

All Muslims have an agreement with Āllah once they believe in Him. And we as Muslims should be proud of the orders and commands from Āllah, for this means that He is leading us to the right path. If the disbelievers understand that Āllah is giving these orders only to those who believe in Him, depend on Him, follow His rules, and accept all from Him, they will understand the great feeling of being a slave of Āllah's.

One of the commands Āllah has given to us is to write our wills while we are still healthy and in a good situation.

The prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said, "Never sleep for two nights while your will is not written."

From this *Hadith*, we can see how important it is to write the will.

Writing the will is to protect ourselves from any mistakes or sins our relatives may do after our death either on the funeral or the legacy of what we owned during our life.

The will also has conditions, rules, and steps for writing to be done in the best way.

When we write our wills, first of all, we should feel, understand, and live the moment that this will be read by others after we are already out of this life and can't discuss, judge, or negotiate with others.

We should understand, while writing our wills, that we already left everything on the ground and are under the ground with our deeds only, and we are alone the humble slave with the great God "Āllah."

While we are writing our wills, we should remember that nothing will save us from the punishment in the grave, on the judgment day, and after the judgment day except the mercy of Āllah and our good deeds. And we should understand that the mercy of Āllah will never reach the one who has been disobeying Him while knowing he shouldn't do so. This mercy will reach those who have been worshipping Him with fear, and those who



have committed sins out of weakness or by mistakes and then regretted, asked for forgiveness and refrained from doing it.

In our wills, we should first ask those who are reading it to obey  $\bar{A}$ llah and remind them that one day all of them will be same as the writer of this will. We should encourage them to worship  $\bar{A}$ llah and to fear Him all the time and remind them that now we have nothing but our deeds.

We should ask them to forgive us if we hurt any of them, and we should ask them to ask everyone around us, such as neighbors, friends, staffs, colleagues and maids to forgive us as well.

In the will, we should remind those who are in charge of our funeral to obey  $\bar{A}$ llah, not to hurt themselves from sadness and not to use the money not belonging to us anymore. The money now belongs to others according to the legacy, so they shouldn't use this money for unnecessary things such as bringing someone for reciting *Qurān* for three days, which is not from Islam, and they are not allowed to make feasts for others or to buy flowers or rent halls for gatherings. All these expenses are not allowed and are all misguidance which never happened during the period of the prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him). Most of all, if we do any of them, we are using the money of the orphans who own the money now.

We should remind them in our wills that they should separate the legacy immediately and shouldn't delay it.

We should remind them to pay all our debts or to ask the debtors to forgive us or to try to collect money from donors if there is not enough money to pay back.

We should be away from writing anything in the will which may lead to disobeying  $\bar{A}$ llah such as writing a sum of money especially for one of the kids. We should remember that we can decide where we want our money, properties and funds to go only for one third of our capital, and we can't decide more than this percentage.

Finally, we should know and remember that this life is only a station from which we will move to the real life forever, and that this life is the only place for us to build our place for the eternal life. So either we build it in paradise or in the hell.

Forgiveness is one of the biggest deeds that may lead us to paradise, and patience is another channel.



## Here is a sample of the will

### My general will

I consult you:

1. To worship Āllah and to remember the oneness of Āllah as He says in *Qurān* Chapter 4 Verse 116, “Āllah will never forgive association with Him, but He may forgive what is less, those who are willing and working for His forgiveness; indeed, he who associate others with Āllah has gone astray totally.”
2. To have piety to Āllah with total obedience, to follow the rules of Āllah and the sunnah of the prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him), to be away from what Āllah prohibits, and to keep the relation with your relatives.
3. To repent to Āllah from all the sins you did, to regret and promise Āllah and yourselves not to do them again, to ask Āllah for forgiveness, and to read *Qurān* every day and night.
4. To be patient, to accept the arrangements of Āllah and to say “We are from Āllah and to Him we belong.”
5. Not to announce me in a newspaper or magazine but call my friends and relatives to come for bathing and burying me as soon as possible, and to make supplication for me and ask Āllah for forgiveness.
6. Not to make a special place for condolence because this was never mentioned or done during the period of the prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him).
7. To follow the real condolence, to bathe my body, to dress me the shroud, to walk silently to the graveyard, to bury me, to stay with me one hour and to ask Āllah to forgive me and my sins, as the prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him) said after they buried one Muslim, “Ask for the forgiveness from Āllah for your brother as he is being asked now.”
8. Not to cry loudly, neither slab your faces, nor destroy your cloth or mention my good deeds.



9. It is not allowed at all to do any of the misguidance such as gathering after the first week or 40 days of my death. Never print out books with my name on it and so on. All of these are prohibited.
10. My family should be fast in bathing me and burying me. They should pay all my debts, but if there is not enough money, they should ask for the forgiveness from the debtors if possible.
11. My kids shouldn't mourn over me for more than three days, and my wife should mourn and stay at home for four months and ten days, and she shouldn't wear silk or colorful clothes, nor put on perfume during this period.
12. I also consult my kids and family to visit my grave from time to time and make supplication for me.
13. Also I consult my brothers and friends in the Masjid to remember me and to make supplication for me as well.
14. It is allowed for my husband/wife to share in bathing my body.
15. It is allowed to wait for a reasonable time before praying for me, in case you have to wait for someone to come from a faraway place.
16. To give copies of this will to the relatives and friends once you open it, in order to follow what is written.
17. I am informing all of you that I forgive all those I have rights with them, and I hope inshĀllah all those who own something from me will forgive me as well.
18. To remember that the prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him) said, "All things belonging to the human being will be useless after his death except three things: a donation he made in a way that everyone is using; a science or discovery he did that people are making use of it; a kid who is making supplication for him."

I leave you with the protection of Āllah.

### **For bathing me**

Please ask [the names of the person you wish to do this] to do it; if any of them refuse, any other righteous one is ok.

### **For praying for me**



Please ask [the name of the person you wish to be the leader of this prayer] to be the leader of the funeral praying; if not available, any of the Imams is ok.

The funeral praying is four Takbiiras (Āllahuākbar).

In the first one, we recite Ālfaātihah.

In the second one, we recite the Āl Tashahud Āl Āhiyr.

In the third one, we make supplication for the dead person.

In the fourth one, we say, “Oh Āllah! We are asking You to give us the benefit of being here, and we are asking You not to make us astray during our lives, and we are asking You to forgive him/her and forgive us.”

### **During walking to the graveyard**

Don't talk at all but walk fast. Think only of yourself that one day you will be there also, and females are not allowed to walk with men during this.

### **During burying my body**

When you get inside the graveyard, say “Ās Salamu Ālaykom the residence of graves. You are here before us and we will be with you later. We are asking Āllah for the forgiveness upon you and us.”

Let my relatives and friends help in burying me. (If the dead is a female, only her exposable relatives such as husband, son, brother, father, uncle, etc are allowed to do this.)

After burying me, don't leave me alone in this hour. I need you more than any other time. Stay with me and ask Āllah for forgiveness with submission, you will find someone inshĀllah to be with you when you are here same as I am now.

After the first one hour is finished, say “We belong to Āllah and to Him will we return.” Then you can leave me. This is the last step of the funeral.

Please don't do any extra things other than Sunnah.

### **Finally**

I consult you to follow the rules of Āllah and His prophet in the legacy and never argue for such small things. Remember that all of you will die same as I, and



always remember that the prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him) said, “Allah asks on judgment day: Where are those who used to love each other for the sake of Me? I will keep them under My shadow when there’s no shadow but Mine.”

I am pure from any unlawful deeds or other things than Sunnah you do during my funeral.

Date:

The deceased:

First witness

Second witness

### **My personal will**

(For maximum one third of what you own only. Remember to write all the names of debtors you owe with the details of the sum.)

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### **The end of the will**