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When a Child Dies

Introduction

Only Allaah knows the pain that a person who has lost a child is suffering and I can only ask Allaah to bless them, relieve their pain and reward them for their trials. Allaah grant them patience and strength.

I first started compiling the ahaadeeth in this book many years ago as over the years I have known sisters who had been tested by losing their precious children either before they were born, during birth or after a few years of life. Allaah grant them and their husbands steadfastness and reunite them with their offspring in the Everlasting gardens of Paradise where their children will wait for them and open the doors for them to enter Paradise together, aameen. Shaykh bin Baz رحمه الله mentioned in explanation of one of the hadeeth that the reward is for both parents (not just the Father).

Everyone is tested in different ways and whatever the test we must have patience and turn to Allaah. Allaah tests his servants to raise them in degrees in Paradise, without which our deeds would not be sufficient to gain the same station.

I hope that this booklet will be of benefit for those who give condolences, a source of consolation for those who have lost a child. There is a very brief reminder of the rulings of miscarriage, *janazah* funeral prayer and puberty.

There is a section of *du'aa* to say when grieving, feeling sorrow and sadness.

As a language teacher I had to include a few vocabulary words relating to funerals and some common Arabic expressions that the Arabs use when giving condolences.

The book ends with a list of very heart-felt reminders by the Salafi Du'aa at funerals in the UK.

I have turned the book into a PowerPoint and video for teaching purposes as well as to learn the aayaat and du'aa through the audios added. The slides are also available in jpeg form to pass on via social media. Please use common sense and do not overburden people with 50 slides all in one go. Send a reminder now and again and make your intention to ease their grief and lighten their sorrow.

Allaah bless us and you with the reward of green silk clothes for giving condolences aameen.

See the blog for the resources mentioned above: www.salafitranslatedbenefits.blogspot.com
The video with audios can be found on YouTube: @utrullah_press

Everyone shall taste Death

﴿كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّوْنَ أُجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ ﴿١٨٥﴾﴾

Everyone shall taste death. And only on the Day of Resurrection shall you be paid your wages in full. And whoever is removed away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise, he indeed is successful. The life of this world is only the enjoyment of deception (a deceiving thing).

[Aali 'imraan 3:185]

Tested with Loss of Lives (Death)

﴿وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالتَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِيرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٦﴾ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾ أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾﴾

And certainly, we shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to the patient ones.

Who, when afflicted with calamity, say: "Truly! to Allâh we belong and Truly, to Him we shall return." They are those on whom are the blessings from their Lord, and (they are those who) receive his Mercy, and it is they who are the guided-ones.

[Baqarah 2:155-157]

Allaah will reunite the Parents with their Children

﴿وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَاتَّبَعَتْهُمْ ذُرِّيَّتُهُمْ بِإِيمَانٍ أَلْحَقْنَا بِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَمَا أَلَتْنَاهُمْ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِمْ مِّنْ شَيْءٍ كُلُّ امْرِئٍ بِمَا كَسَبَ رَهِيْنٌ ﴿٢١﴾﴾

And those who believe and whose offspring follow them in Faith, to them shall We join their offspring, and We shall not decrease the reward of their deeds in anything. Every person is a pledge for that which he has earned.

[Toor 52:21]

Afflictions and Sabr are a means to raise a servant in Jannah

Muhammad ibn Khalid as-Sulami narrated on his father's authority who said his grandfather reported: He was a Companion of the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) and he said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) say: When Allah has previously decreed for a servant a rank which he has not attained by his action, He afflicts him in his body, or his property or his children.

Abu Dawud said: Ibn Nufail added in his version: "He then enables him to endure that." The agreed version mentions: "So that He may bring him to the rank previously decreed for him by Allah."

Book of Funerals. Chapter: Sickness Expiates Sins
Sunan Abi Dawud 3090

Where are the Children who Die Young?

- Children who die young (before puberty) are on a mountain in Jannah.
- They will be looked after by Prophet Ibraaheem عليه السلام and his wife Sarah.
- A house of praise will be built for their parents in Jannah if they have sabr and say alhamdulillah.
- Parents who lose 2 or 3 children will be granted admission to paradise by His Grace and Mercy.
- Their child will intercede for their parents to enter Paradise.
- Their child will wait at the doors of paradise for them and take them by the hand or hold on to their clothing and they will enter paradise together.

What to say from the Sunnah when you hear someone has passed away

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Innaa lillaahi wa innaa ilayhi raaji'oon

Indeed, to Allaah we belong and to Him is the return.

Condolence Du'aa from the Sunnah

Say to the one who has lost a loved one:

إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا أَخَذَ وَلَهُ مَا أُعْطِيَ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ بِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى فَلْتَصْبِرْ وَلْتَحْتَسِبْ

“Inna lillaahi ma akhadha wa lahu maa ‘ataa wa kullu shayin ‘indahu bi ajalim musamma, faltasbir wal tahtasib.

Indeed to Allaah belongs what He took and to Him is what He gave and everything has an appointed time, so have sabr and hope for reward.”

Sahih Muslim 923a

Common Arabic Expressions of Consolation

1	Allaah make things easy	الله يفرج لكم
2	Allaah make (him) intercede for (his) parents	الله يجعله شفيع لوالديه
3	And grant them patience and seeking reward	ويرزقهم الصبر والاحتساب
4	Allaah not prevent them from having a House of Praise (in Jannah)	ولا يحرمهم بيت الحمد
5	Allaah make good your consolation, ease your calamity and forgive your deceased	أحسن الله عزاءكم، وجبر الله مصيبتكم، وغفر لميتكم
6	Allaah grant them patience, strengthen their hearts and make them tranquil	الله يصبرهم ويربط على قلوبهم وينزل عليهم السكينة
7	Allaah is Everlasting	البقاء لله
8	Allaah magnify your reward	اعظم الله أجركم

Points Regarding Condolences from Sharh Riyaadhus Saaliheen

by Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al 'Uthaymeen

Hadeeth Number 29 p206-210

Usama bin Zaid رضي الله عنه reported:

While we were with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), one of his daughters sent someone to call him and inform him that her child or her son was dying. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) told the person to go back and tell her that

'What Allah has taken belonged to Him, and to him belonged what He granted; and He has an appointed time for everything. So order her to have patience and seek reward from Allah.

The person came back and said: She adjures him to come to her. He got up to go accompanied by Sa'd bin 'Ubada, Mu'adh bin Jabal, and I also went along with them. The child was lifted to him and his soul was feeling as restless as if it was in an old (waterskin). His (Prophet's) eyes welled up with tears. Sa'd said: What is this, Messenger of Allah? He replied: This is compassion which Allah has placed in the hearts of His servants, and God shows compassion only to those of His servants who are compassionate.

إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا أَخَذَ وَلَهُ مَا أُعْطِيَ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ بِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى فَمُرْهَا فَلْتَصْبِرْ وَتُحْسِبِ

Sahih Muslim 923a The Book of Prayer - Funerals
Chapter (6) Crying for the Deceased

Selected Points:

فَلْتَصْبِرْ وَتُحْسِبِ 'seek reward' from Allaah through her 'sabr'. There are some people who have sabr but do not seek reward. He has sabr not to sin but does not worry. However, if only he hoped for reward from Allaah and did not miss out on a lot of good... Sabr upon the calamity and seeking reward from Allaah.

إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا أَخَذَ وَلَهُ مَا أُعْطِيَ

'What Allah had taken belonged to Him, and to him belonged what He granted' This sentence carries a great meaning. If everything belongs to Allaah and if He takes it from you, then it is His property. If He gives you something then it is His

property. So how can you become angry if He takes something from you that belongs to Him and that He owns?

هَذِهِ رَحْمَةٌ 'This is mercy'

The Prophet ﷺ cried out of mercy for the child and not out of unhappiness for what was predestined.

We should know that giving condolences is to support and strengthen the person suffering a calamity and to ease his grief. A person should choose the best words and closest to the Sunnah for giving condolences and there is nothing better than the words that the Prophet ﷺ formulated. Allaah is the Granter of success.

Hadeeth 1: Allaah does not punish for the tears of the eyes

Abdullah bin 'Umar رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"Listen to what I will tell you. Allaah does not punish for the tears of the eyes, nor for the grief of the heart. But He punishes or gives mercy because of this (pointing to his tongue)."

Muslim 924

Hadeeth 2: Tears are a Mercy

Anas bin Malik رضي الله عنه said that we went with Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) to the blacksmith Abu Saif, and he was the husband of the wet-nurse of Ibrahim (the son of the Prophet). Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) took Ibrahim and kissed him and smelled him and later we entered Abu Saif's house and at that time Ibrahim was in his last breaths, and the eyes of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) started shedding tears. 'Abdur Rahman bin 'Auf said,

"O Allah's Messenger, even you are weeping!" He said, "O Ibn 'Auf, this is mercy."

Then he wept more and said, "The eyes are shedding tears and the heart is grieved, and we will not say except what pleases our Lord, O Ibrahim! Indeed, we are grieved by your separation."

إِنَّ الْعَيْنَ تَدْمَعُ، وَالْقَلْبَ يَحْزَنُ، وَلَا نَقُولُ إِلَّا مَا يَرْضَى رَبُّنَا،
وَإِنَّا بِفِرَاقِكَ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَمَحْزُونُونَ

Saheeh al-Bukhaaree 1303

Hadeeth 3: What to say when an Affliction Strikes

'Umar bin Abu Salamah narrated from his mother, Umm Salamah, that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

“When a calamity strikes one of you, then let him say: ‘Indeed, to Allah we belong and to Him we shall return. O Allah, I seek reward with You for my affliction, so reward me for it, and replace it for me with something better.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ اللَّهُمَّ عِنْدَكَ اِحْتَسَبْتُ مُصِيبَتِي فَأَجْزِنِي فِيهَا وَأَبْدِلْنِي مِنْهَا خَيْرًا

(Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji`ūn, Allāhumma `indaka ahtasibutu muṣibatī fa`jurnī fihā wa abdilnī minhā khaira).”

When the time of death was near Abu Salamah said: ‘O Allaah, replace me with better than me for my wife.” So when he died, Umm Salamah said: “Indeed, to Allaah we belong and to Him we shall return. I seek reward with Allaah for my affliction, so reward me for it.”

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اِحْتَسَبْتُ مُصِيبَتِي فَأَجْزِنِي فِيهَا

Jaami` at-Tirmidhi 3511

Hadeeth 4: Sabr and Seeking Reward = Jannah

'Amr bin sa'eed bin Abi Hussain told us that 'Amr bin Shu'aib wrote to 'Abdullah bin 'Abdur-Rahman bin Abi Hussain to offer condolences for a son of his who had died. In his letter he mentioned that he had heard his father narrate, that his grandfather, 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-As said:

"The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

'Allah will not be pleased for His believing slave to have any reward less than paradise, if He takes away his loved one from among the people of the earth, and he bears that with patience and seeks reward, and says that which he is commanded.”

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَرْضَى لِعِبْدِهِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِذَا ذَهَبَ بِصَفِيَّتِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ فَصَبَرَ وَاحْتَسَبَ وَقَالَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ بِنَوَابٍ
دُونَ الْجَنَّةِ

Sunan an-Nasaa'i 1871

Hadeeth 5: Patience at the first strike of a Calamity

Anas bin Maalik رضى الله عنه narrated that the Prophet ﷺ passed by a woman who was weeping beside a grave. He told her to fear Allah and be patient. She said to him, "Go away, for you have not been afflicted with a calamity like mine." She did not recognize him. Then she was informed that he was the Prophet ﷺ so she went to the house of the Prophet ﷺ and did not find any guard there. Then she said to him, "I did not recognize you."

He said, "Verily, patience is at the first strike of a calamity."

إِنَّمَا الصَّبْرُ عِنْدَ الصَّدْقَةِ الْأُولَى

Saheeh al-Bukhaaree 1283

Hadeeth 6: House of Praise in Paradise

Those who praise Allaah in ease and in hardship and are patient with what is decreed for them will have a house in paradise called 'House of Praise'.

The Messenger ﷺ said, "When a servant's child dies, Allaah says to His angels, 'Have you taken (the soul) of My servant's child?'

They will say, 'Yes.'

He will say, 'Have you taken the apple of his eye?' They will say, 'Yes.'

He will say, 'What did My servant say?'

They will say, 'He praised You and said,

إنا لله وإنا اليه راجعون

innaa lillaahi wa innaa ilayhi raaji'oon.'

(To Allaah we belong and to Him is the return).

So Allaah will say, 'Build a house in Paradise for My servant and call it 'the House of Praise''

Saheehah 1408

Hadeeth 7: Prophet Ibraaheem looks after the children who die young and they will be on a mountain in Paradise

Aboo Hurayrah رضي الله عنه narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said,

"The children of the believers will be on a mountain in Paradise with (Prophet) Ibraaheem and (his wife) Saarah looking after them until they are returned to their parents on the Day of Resurrection."

Saheeh al Jaam'i 1023

Hadeeth 8: Children who die young will be a screen for their Mother from the Hell Fire

Aboo Sa'eed رضي الله عنه narrated that some women requested the Prophet ﷺ to specify a day for them. So the Prophet (ﷺ) preached to them and said,

أَيُّمَا امْرَأَةٍ مَاتَ لَهَا ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الْوَلَدِ كَانُوا حِجَابًا مِنَ النَّارِ

"A woman who had three children and they died, she would be screened from the Hell Fire by them."

Hearing that, a woman asked, "If two died?" The Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "Even two (would screen her from the (Hell) Fire. "

And Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه added, "Those children below the age of puberty. "

Saheeh al-Bukhaaree 1249, 1250

Hadeeth 9: Parents whose children die, will be forgiven

It was narrated that Sa'sa'ah bin Mu'awiyah said:

"I met Abu Dharr and said: 'Tell me a Hadeeth.' He said: the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

There are no two Muslims, three of whose children die before reaching puberty, but Allah will forgive them by virtue of His mercy towards them."

Sunan an-Nasa'i 1874

Hadeeth 10: A child who died young will hold onto his Father and not let go until Allaah admits them both into Paradise

Abee Hassaan said to Aboo Hurayrah رضي الله عنهما ,

'Two of my children have passed away so can you narrate something from the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ that will ease our hearts regarding their deaths?'

He said 'yes'. Their young children are the small creatures of Paradise. One of them will meet their Father or he said their parents and he will hold on to his clothes (or his hand) just as I am holding on to the edge of your garment and he will not let go (or stop) until Allaah admits him and his Father into Paradise.

Ash-Shafaa'ah by Shaykh Muqbil bin Haadee p201 no. 146. Muslim no. 2635

Hadeeth 11: A child who died young will not want to enter Paradise until his parents come

It was narrated from Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"There are no two Muslims, three of whose children die before reaching puberty, but Allah will admit them to Paradise by virtue of His mercy toward them. It will be said to them: 'Enter Paradise.' They will say: 'Not until our parents enter.' So it will be said: 'Enter Paradise, you and your parents.'"

يُقَالُ لَهُمْ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ فَيَقُولُونَ حَتَّى يَدْخُلَ آبَاؤُنَا فَيُقَالُ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَأَبَاؤُكُمْ

Sunan an-Nasa'i 1876

There is a similar hadeeth in Musnad Ahmad with the wording: 'not until our parents come'. It will be said 3 times and they will say the same. So it will be said to them enter paradise you and your parents.

Ash-Shafaa'ah by Shaykh Muqbil bin Haadee p201 no. 147

Hadeeth 12: A child who died young will wait at (and open) the doors of Paradise for his Father

Abu Iyas Mu'awiyah bin Qurrah narrated from his father that a man came to the Prophet ﷺ accompanied by a son of his. He said to him: "Do you love him?" He said: "May Allah love you as I love him." Then he (the son) died and he noticed his absence and asked about him. He said: "Will it not make you happy to know that you will not come to any of the gates of Paradise but you will find him there, trying to open it for you?"

مَا يَسْرُوكَ أَنْ لَا تَأْتِي أَبَاكَ مِنْ أَبْوَابِ الْجَنَّةِ إِلَّا وَجَدْتَهُ عِنْدَهُ يَسْعَى يَفْتَحُ لَكَ

Sunan an-Nasa'i 1870

There's a similar hadeeth in Musnad Ahmad with the wording:

'Would you not like for you to come to any of the doors of Paradise except that you find him there waiting for you.'

أَمَا تَحِبُّ أَنْ لَا تَأْتِي أَبَاكَ مِنْ أَبْوَابِ الْجَنَّةِ إِلَّا وَجَدْتَهُ يَنْتَظِرُكَ؟

Ash-Shafaa'ah by Shaykh Muqbil bin Haadee p207 no. 151

Hadeeth 13: The Prophet ﷺ will intercede for his Ummah

Ibn 'Abbaas رضي الله عنه heard the Prophet ﷺ say, 'Whoever has two children who died before puberty will enter Paradise'. 'Aaishah رضي الله عنها said, 'By my Father, what about those who have one child who dies young?' So he said, 'and for those who have one - O successful one.' She said, 'What about those who do not have a young child from your nation?' He said, 'I am the one who will precede my nation (to intercede), they will have nothing like me'

Musnad Ahmad. Hasan. 1/716 no. 3098

Hadeeth 14: The Prophet's ﷺ son Ibraaheem will have two wet-nurses in Jannah

Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه reported:

I have never seen anyone more kind to his family than Allaah's Messenger (ﷺ). Ibraahim was sent to the suburb of Medinah for suckling. He used to go there and we used to accompany him. He entered the house, and it was filled with smoke as his foster-father was a blacksmith. He took him (his son Ibraahim) and kissed him and then came back. 'Amr said that when Ibraahim died, Allaah's Messenger (ﷺ) said: Ibraahim is my son and he dies as a suckling babe. He now has two wet-nurses who will complete his suckling period in Paradise.

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ابْنِي وَإِنَّهُ مَاتَ فِي النَّدَى وَإِنَّ لَهُ لَطَظْرَيْنِ تُكْمَلَانِ رِضَاعَهُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ

Sahih Muslim 2316

N.B. Ibraahim bin Muhammad was only 16 or 17 months old when he passed away (others say 70 days). Suckling lasts 2 years.

Hadeeth 15: Muslim and non-muslim children will be in Jannah looked after by Prophet Ibraaheem عليه السلام

Samura bin Jundub رضي الله عنه narrated that:

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) very often used to ask his companions, "Did anyone of you see a dream?" So dreams would be narrated to him by those whom Allah wished to tell. One morning the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Last night two persons came to me (in a dream) and woke me up and said to me, 'Proceed!'....

They said to me, 'Proceed! Proceed!' So we proceeded till we reached a garden of deep green dense vegetation, having all sorts of spring colours. In the midst of the garden there was a very tall man and I could hardly see his head because of his great height, and around him there were children in such a large number as I have never seen. I said to my companions, 'Who is this?' They replied, 'Proceed! Proceed!'.....

And the tall man whom you saw in the garden, is Ibraaheem and the children around him are those children who die upon the Fitra (the natural disposition). The narrator added: Some Muslims asked the Prophet ﷺ, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! What about the children of pagans?" The Prophet (ﷺ) replied, "And also the children of pagans."

فَأْتَيْنَا عَلَى رَوْضَةٍ مُعْتَمَةٍ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ نَوْرِ الرَّبِيعِ، وَإِذَا بَيْنَ ظَهْرِي الرَّوْضَةَ رَجُلٌ طَوِيلٌ لَأَأَكَادُ أَرَى رَأْسَهُ
طَوَلًا فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَإِذَا حَوْلَ الرَّجُلِ مِنْ أَكْثَرِ وَلَدَانٍ رَأَيْتُهُمْ قَطُّ.....

وَأَمَّا الرَّجُلُ الطَّوِيلُ الَّذِي فِي الرَّوْضَةِ فَإِنَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَأَمَّا الْوَلَدَانِ الَّذِينَ حَوْلَهُ فَكُلُّ
مَوْلُودٍ مَاتَ عَلَى الْفِطْرَةِ. قَالَ فَقَالَ بَعْضُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَأَوْلَادُ الْمُشْرِكِينَ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " وَأَوْلَادُ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

Saheeh al-Bukhaaree 7047

The interpretation of dreams after the Fajr prayer

Salaatul Janaazah – The Funeral Prayer

Adapted from the description by Shaykh Bin Baz رحمه الله

- If 40 people upon tawheed pray Salaatul Janaazah over the deceased it will be an intercession for him.
- Men and women pray Salaatul Janaazah.
- Stand at the head of the deceased, if it is a male or in the middle, if the deceased is a female.
- There are no rukoo' or sujood. The prayer is performed with standing only.
- It is a quiet prayer with only the takbeer and salaam read aloud.

Summary of the Funeral Prayer

1 st Takbeer الله أكبر	Suratul Faatihah (obligatory) + a small surah like Suratul 'Asr or Suratul Ikhlaas (optional extra)
2 nd Takbeer الله أكبر	Salaah upon the Prophet ﷺ
3 rd Takbeer الله أكبر	Du'aa for the deceased
4 th Takbeer الله أكبر	Say salaam to the right side only to end the salaah السلام عليكم ورحمة الله

The Funeral Prayer – Summary of Steps

<p>2nd Takbeer</p> <p>الله أكبر</p>	<p>Salaah upon the Prophet ﷺ</p> <p>اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ</p>
<p>3rd Takbeer</p> <p>الله أكبر</p>	<p>Du'aa for the deceased (adult male)</p> <p>- اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا وَذَكَرْنَا وَأُنثَانَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَحْرِمْنَا أَجْرَهُ وَلَا تُضِلَّنَا بَعْدَهُ</p> <p>(Ahmad 2/368; Tirmidhee 241)</p> <p>- اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ وَارْحَمْهُ وَعَافِهِ وَاعْفُ عَنْهُ وَأَكْرِمْ نُزُلَهُ وَوَسِّعْ مَدْخَلَهُ وَاعْسِلْهُ بِالْمَاءِ وَالتَّلَجِ وَالبَرْدِ وَنَقِّهِ مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا نَقَّيْتَ النَّوْبَ الْأَبْيَضَ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ وَأَبْدِلْهُ دَارًا خَيْرًا مِنْ دَارِهِ وَأَهْلًا خَيْرًا مِنْ أَهْلِهِ وَزَوْجًا خَيْرًا مِنْ زَوْجِهِ وَأَدْخِلْهُ الْجَنَّةَ وَأَعِدْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ أَوْ مِنْ عَذَابِ النَّارِ</p> <p>(Saheeh Muslim 963)</p>

Funeral Prayer Du'aa for a Child

Shaykh Bin Baz

(Make du'aa for his parents)

اللهم اجعله ذخراً لواليه، وفرطاً وشفيعاً مجاباً، اللهم أعظم به أجورهما،
وثقل به موازينهما، وأحقه بصالح سلف المؤمنين، واجعله في كفالة
إبراهيم عليه الصلاة والسلام، ووقه برحمتك عذاب الجحيم؛

O Allaah make him a preserved treasure for his parents, a trade gain and
an intercessor who is answered.

O Allaah magnify their reward by him and make their scales heavy. Join
him with the pious predecessors of the believers and grant him the care
of Ibraaheem عليه الصلاة والسلام. Save him from the punishment of the Fire
by Your Mercy.

Majmoo' Shaykh Bin Baz vol. 13 p146

Al-Mughirah ibn Shu'bah narrated:

(I think that the people of Ziyad informed me that he reported on the
authority of the Prophet (ﷺ): A rider should go behind the (funeral) bier,
and those on foot should walk behind it, in front of it, on its right and on
its left keeping near it. Prayer should be offered over a miscarried foetus
and forgiveness and mercy supplicated for its parents.

وَالسَّقَطُ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ وَيُدْعَى لَوَالِدَيْهِ بِالْمَغْفِرَةِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ .

Sunan Abi Dawud 3180

Rewards for the Living in Honouring the Dead

	Action	Reward
1	Helping someone in need	The same reward as doing I'tikaaf in Masjid Nabawee.
2	Visiting the sick	70,000 angels ask for your forgiveness. You remain in the gardens of Jannah as long as you stay.
3	Being present at the moment of death	If you make any du'aa for anyone it is accepted and the angels say aameen.
4	Washing the deceased	Forgiveness x40
5	Shrouding the deceased	Allaah covers his sins. Allaah clothes him with silk garments on the Day of Judgement.
6	Janaazah prayer	Qeeraat (huge reward greater than Mount Uhud). Reward like praying in jamaa'ah.
7	Digging the grave	Granted a dwelling until Day of Judgement.
8	Burial	2 qeeraat.
9	Condolences	Green silk clothes that will delight.
10	Visiting the graves	Reminder of hereafter, softens the heart. Eyes shed tears.
11	Looking after the widow	Like a person who fights in the way of Allaah. Like someone who prays without resting and fasts continuously.

Hadeeth References according to the numbering in the table above:

1. **Helping a Muslim in need** - On the authority of Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه who said: 'A man came to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and said: 'O Messenger of Allaah! Which of the people are the most beloved to Allaah and which of the actions are most beloved to Allaah?' The Messenger of Allaah صلى الله عليه وسلم said: 'The most beloved of the people to Allaah are the most beneficial for the people. The most beloved of actions to Allaah -Azza wa Jal- are to cause happiness to reach a Muslim, to relieve him from a hardship, to settle a debt for a Muslim or to repel hunger from him. For me to walk with a brother in order to assist him is more beloved to me than to make 'Itikaf in this

Masjid (Masjid al-Madeenah) for a month. Whoever holds back his anger then Allaah hides his mistakes. Whoever suppresses his anger – even though he is not scared to show it, but withholds due to the truth - Allaah fills his heart with hope on the day of Judgement. Whoever walks with his brother to assist him with a need until he has helped him completely, then Allaah plants his feet firmly on the day people will not stand firmly. Indeed bad behaviour spoils good actions, just as vinegar spoils honey.’ (Taken from Silsilah Ahadeeth As-Saheehah of Shaykh Al-Albaani. No. 906).

2. **Visiting the Sick** - 'Ali bin Abee Talib (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) saying, "When a Muslim visits a sick Muslim at dawn, seventy thousand angels keep on praying for him till dusk. If he visits him in the evening, seventy thousand angels keep on praying for him till the morning; and he will have (his share of) reaped fruits in Jannah. (At- Tirmidhi Book 7 Hadeeth 6).
3. **Du'aa at the time of Death** - Umm Salama رضي الله عنها reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ came to Abu Salama (as he died). His eyes were fixedly open. He closed them, and then said: When the soul is taken away the sight follows it. Some of the people of his family wept and wailed. So he said: Do not supplicate for yourselves anything but good, for angels say "Ameen" to what you say. He then said: "Allah, forgive Abu Salama, raise his degree among those who are rightly guided, grant him a successor in his descendants who remain. Forgive us and him, O Lord of the Universe, and make his grave spacious, and grant him light in it." (Saheeh Muslim 920 a).
4. **Washing, Shrouding and digging the grave** - Abu Raafi' رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The one who washes a Muslim and conceals what he sees, Allaah grants him forgiveness forty times. And he who digs for him a grave and buries him would be granted a rewards similar to providing for him a dwelling until the Day of Resurrection. And he who shrouds him, Allaah will clothe him on the Day of Resurrection from the silk garments of Jannah." (Al Hakim and Al Bayhaqi).
5. **Washing and Shrouding** – Abu Umaamah رضي الله عنه reported that Allaah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever washes the deceased and covers him, Allaah will cover his sins. And whoever shrouds him, Allaah will give him silk garments." (Tabaraani. As Saheehah 2353).
6. **Praying Janaazah prayer and following it for the burial** – Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه reported that Allaah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "He who follows a Muslim's janaazah, out of faith and hoping for reward,

from its house until the prayer is performed for it, gets a huge reward. And he who follows it until its burial is completed, gets two huge rewards. He was asked, "What are these two huge rewards? He replied, "They are like two great mountains". In another narration he said, "Each huge reward is greater than Mount Uhud." (Bukhaaree and Muslim).

7. **Digging a grave** - Abu Raafi' رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The one who washes a Muslim and conceals what he sees, Allaah grants him forgiveness forty times. And he who digs for him a grave and buries him would be granted a rewards similar to providing for him a dwelling until the Day of Resurrection. And he who shrouds him, Allaah will clothe him on the Day of Resurrection from the silk garments of Jannah." (Al Hakim and Al Bayhaqi).
8. **Following until the burial** "And he who follows it until its burial is completed, gets two huge rewards." (Bukhari and Muslim).
9. **Condolences** – Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه reported that Allaah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Whoever consoles his brother in an affliction, Allaah will clothe him with a green suit with which he will be delighted on the Day of Resurrection." (Ahkaam al Janaa'iz Shaykh al Albaanee p206)
10. **Visiting the graves** - Anas bin Maalik رضي الله عنه reported that Allaah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "I had prohibited you from visiting the graves, so visit them, because that softens the heart, makes the eye shed tears and reminds of the Hereafter. But do not say heedless words." (Ahmad and Haakim)
11. **Looking after widows** - Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said, "One who strives to help the widows and the poor is like the one who fights in the way of Allah." The narrator said: I think that he ﷺ also added: "I shall regard him as the one who stands up (for prayer) without rest and as the one who observes fasts continuously". (Bukhaaree and Muslim)

Arabic Vocabulary relating to Funerals

1	جَنَازَة	Janazah	Funeral
2	مَوْت	Mawt	Death
3	وَفَاة	Wafah	Death
4	كَفْن	Kafn	Shroud
5	غُسْل	Ghusl	Bath
6	قَبْر	Qabr	Grave
7	مَقْبَرَة	Maqbarah	Graveyard
8	تَعْزِيَة	Ta'ziyah	Condolences
9	عِدَّة	'iddah	Mourning
10	بَرْزَخ	Barzakh	Life in the grave before resurrection

What is Puberty البلوغ?

Adulthood and the age of responsibility starts when a child reaches puberty البلوغ. This is when the deeds are counted and the laws are applied.

Signs of Puberty mentioned in the Sunnah:

- Hair growth in the pubic region
- Wet dream
- Reaching the age of 15 (if the other signs are not present)
- Menses for a girl

Other words in Arabic for children below puberty are:

الأفراط

قبل بلوغ الحلم

لم يبلغ الجنث

Miscarriage

When a miscarriage happens **after 4 months** and the soul has been blown into the body, then the foetus takes the ruling of a living being. Ghusl is performed for it, it is shrouded in a kafn, a janaazah prayer is performed and the parents gain the reward of losing a child.

If the miscarriage happens **before 4 months**, then it takes the ruling of abnormal bleeding and the foetus is not considered a living being. (However, there is the reward of difficulty and hardship).

Abortion is prohibited in Islaam. The exception is, if doctors agree there is harm to the Mother.

Rulings regarding Miscarriage

40 days drop of fluids (nutfah نطفة)

40 days clot ('alaqah علقة)

40 days morsel of flesh (mudghah مدغة)

120 days/4 months the angel blows the soul into the foetus in the womb.

Before 4 months	After 4 months
No soul	Soul
No funeral	Funeral
A test – sabr is rewarded	Parents who have sabr and seek reward: Enter Paradise Saved from Hell Fire Forgiven
Blood considered 'faasid' Continue to pray and fast. Intimate relations with husband allowed.	Blood considered nifaas (40 days post-natal bleeding) Don't pray or fast. Intimate relations with husband not allowed.

Hadeeth: Creation of the Foetus in the Womb

On the authority of Abdullah ibn Masood رضي الله عنه, who said:

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), and he is the truthful, the believed, narrated to us, "Verily the creation of each one of you is brought together in his mother's womb for forty days in the form of a nutfah (a drop), then he becomes an 'alaqah (clot of blood) for a like period, then a mudghah (morsel of flesh) for a like period, then there is sent to him the angel who blows his soul into him and who is commanded with four matters: to write down his rizq (sustenance), his life span, his actions, and whether he will be happy or unhappy (i.e., whether or not he will enter Paradise). By the One, other than Whom there is no deity worthy of worship, verily one of you performs the actions of the people of Paradise until there is but an arm's length between him and it, and that which has been written overtakes him, and so he acts with the actions of the people of the Hellfire and thus enters it; and verily one of you performs the actions of the people of the Hellfire, until there is but an arm's length between him and it, and that which has been written overtakes him and so he acts with the actions of the people of Paradise and thus he enters it."

Nawawee's 40 Hadeeth. No. 4.

How to Cope with the Loss

1. Try to increase in your dhikr and keep your tongue moist.
In the remembrance of Allaah the hearts find rest

﴿الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ﴾

Those who believe and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah,
Verily, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest.

[Ra'd 13:28]

2. Remember to read the du'aas of sadness and grief.

﴿إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا﴾

Indeed with hardship comes ease. [Sharh 94:6]

3. Remember that Allaah does not burden a person more than they can bear,

﴿لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا﴾

Allaah does not burden a person more than they can bear.

[Baqarah 2:286]

4. Remember that everything was written down 50, 000 years before creation and that belief in Qadr is a consolation for us and one of the 6 pillars of belief.

﴿سَابِقُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ؕ ذَٰلِكُمْ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٠١﴾ مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿١٠٢﴾ لِكَيْلَا تَأْسَوْا عَلَىٰ مَا فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا تَفْرَحُوا بِمَا ءَاتَاكُمْ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿١٠٣﴾﴾

Race with one another in hastening towards forgiveness from your Lord (Allaah), and Paradise the width whereof is as the width of the heaven and the earth, prepared for those who believe in Allaah and His Messengers. That is the Grace of Allaah which He bestows on whom He is pleased with. And Allaah is the Owner of Great Bounty. No calamity befalls on the earth or

When a Child Dies

in yourselves but it is inscribed in the Book of Decrees (Al-Lauh Al-Mahfoodh) before We bring it into existence. Verily, that is easy for Allaah. In order that you may not grieve at the things over that you fail to get, nor rejoice over that which has been given to you. And Allaah likes not every prideful boaster.

[al Hadeed 57:21-23]

Du'aa of Grief and Sorrow (1)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ، ابْنُ عَبْدِكَ، ابْنُ أُمَّتِكَ، نَاصِيَتِي بِيَدِكَ، مَاضٍ فِي حُكْمِكَ، عَدْلٌ فِي قَضَاؤِكَ،
أَسْأَلُكَ بِكُلِّ اسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ سَمَّيْتَ بِهِ نَفْسَكَ، أَوْ أَنْزَلْتَهُ فِي كِتَابِكَ، أَوْ عَلَّمْتَهُ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ، أَوْ
اسْتَأْذَنْتَ بِهِ فِي عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ، أَنْ تَجْعَلَ الْقُرْآنَ رَبِيعَ قَلْبِي، وَنُورَ صَدْرِي، وَجَلَاءَ
حُزْنِي، وَذَهَابَ هَمِّي

O Allaah I am your servant, son of your servant, son of your female servant.
My forelock is in Your Hand, Your Rule is over me, justice is in what You
have Decreed, I ask you with every name that is Yours and that You have
named yourself with or that you have revealed in Your Book or taught
someone from Your creation or that You have kept in Your Knowledge of
the Unseen, to make the Qur'aan the spring of my heart, a light for my
chest, a **departure for my sadness and a removal of my worry.**

(Ahmad 1/391)

Du'aa of Grief and Sorrow (2)

Anas bin Malik رضى الله عنه narrated that the Prophet ﷺ used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحُزْنِ، وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْجُبْنِ، وَضَلْعِ الدِّينِ
وَعَلْبَةِ الرِّجَالِ

Allāhumma 'innī 'a'ūdhu bika minal-ḥammi wal-ḥuzn, wal-'ajzi wal-kasal,
wal-bukhli wal-jubn, wa ḍala'id-dayn, wa ghalabatir-rijāl.

O Allah, **I seek refuge in you from grief and sadness**, from weakness and
from laziness, from miserliness and from cowardice, from being overcome
by debt and overpowered by men (i.e. others).

Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree 6369

Du'aa of Grief and Sorrow (3)

Ibn `Abbas رضي الله عنه said that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) used to say at times of difficulty,

" لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ،
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ،
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ ."

"None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, the Majestic, the Most Forbearing.

None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, the Lord of the Tremendous Throne.

None has the right to be worshipped but Allah, the Lord of the Heavens and the Lord of the Honourable Throne.

Saheeh al-Bukhaaree 7431

Du'aa of Grief and Sorrow (4)

Abu Bakra رضي الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: The supplications to be used by one who is distressed are:

اللَّهُمَّ رَحْمَتَكَ أَرْجُو فَلا تَكِلْنِي إِلى نَفْسِي طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ،
وَأَصْلِحْ لِي شَأْنِي كُلَّهُ لا إِلَهَ إِلا أَنْتَ

Allāhumma raḥmataka arjū falā takilnī ilā nafsī ṭarfata `ayn,

wa aṣliḥ lī sha'nī kullah, lā ilāha illā ant.

O Allah, I hope for Your mercy.

Do not leave me to myself even for the blinking of an eye.

Correct all of my affairs for me.

There is none worthy of worship but You.

Sunan Abee Daawood 5090

Du'aa of Grief and Sorrow (5)

Ibrahim bin Muhammad bin Sa'd narrated from his father, from Sa'd that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said:

"The supplication of Dhun-Nun (Prophet Yunus) when he supplicated, while in the belly of the whale was:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Lā ilāha illā anta subḥānaka innī kuntu minaz-dhālimīn.

There is none worthy of worship but You, glory is to You. Surely, I was among the wrongdoers.

Jami` at-Tirmidhi 3505

Du'aa of Grief and Sorrow (6)

It was narrated that Asma' bint 'Umais رضي الله عنها said:

"The Messenger of Allah ﷺ taught me some words to say at times of distress:

اللَّهُ اللَّهُ رَبِّي لَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئاً

Allah! Allahu Rabbi la ushriku bihi shay'an

Allah, Allah is my Lord, I do not associate anything with Him."

Sunan Ibn Majah 3882

Audios with Beneficial Reminders by the Du'aat

Words of Reminder at the funerals of various people اللهم ارحمهم واغفر لهم

See: <https://www.salafisounds.com/?s=funeral&id=7473>

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