



The Fourth Question of Fatwa no. 6908

Q4: I met a non-Arab Muslim woman who was suffering from hysteria. She was not fully conscious, and although she was aware of the time, people, and places around her, her condition required bed rest. She was always asking to be able to perform Salah, but I told her that she would get better - God willing - and that she would then be able to perform what was obligatory on her, but for the time being she should not overtax herself. Two days later, she passed away without making up for the Salah that she missed. Did I commit a sin? Can I make up for the Salah that she missed, although I do not know how many there were?

A: It is obligatory on a sick person to perform Salah as well as they can, standing, sitting, lying on their sides, or even lying on their backs, due to what the Prophet (peace be upon him) said to 'Imran ibn Hussayn (may Allah be pleased with them both), ("Perform Salah standing, and if you can not, (perform it) sitting, and if you can not, (perform it) lying on your side.") (Related by Al-Bukhari and Al-Nasa'y, and the words are quoted from Al-Nasa'y)

It is not permissible for any one to pray for someone else. However, if the lady you mentioned was mentally ill, she did not commit a sin and you are to be thanked and rewarded [by Allah]

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for calming her and giving her the hope of a recovery.

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

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