



The third question of Fatwa no. 15393

Q 3: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: (When a person dies, their (righteous) deeds come to an end, except three: Sadaqah Jariyah (ongoing charity), knowledge that is being benefited from, or a righteous son who supplicates (to Allah) for them.)

Is it permissible to recite Al-Fatihah (Opening Chapter of the Qur'an) so that Allah may have mercy on my paternal aunt and her son? If this is not permissible, what are the suitable Du'a's (supplications) in such cases?

A: It is not permissible for you to recite Al-Fatihah or any other Surah (Qur'anic chapter) for them, because there is no evidence substantiating this. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Anyone who does an action which is not in accordance with this matter of ours (Islam) will have it rejected.) (Related by Muslim) It is permissible for you to give in charity on their behalf and supplicate to Allah to forgive and have mercy on them and admit them into Jannah (Paradise) and protect them from Hellfire. May Allah guide us and you to all good!

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

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