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PREFACE

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Prayer and supplication, which serve as a means of communication between believers and their Lord, daily bring peace and tranquility to the heart. This is a state of mind experienced by believers that materialists cannot achieve. Prayer is a time of spiritual ascension, liberating one from the vagaries of worldly life. One turns to God, praising Him as He deserves, calling upon Him and supplicating Him with hope and submission. This communication with God offers spiritual strength, increased motivation, and peace of mind. Therefore, God has made prayer a weapon for believers in navigating the oceans of life and facing various problems and hardships.

Because of the importance of prayer in religious life, a practice has emerged in society. When someone dies, the living

perform the “Gift Prayer”, a gift given to the deceased to help them in the grave. This is common in Indonesia and even in Muslim communities worldwide. Typically, this prayer is performed on the first night after the body is placed in the grave. This practice has been around for quite some time and has been passed down through generations. However, when viewed from an Islamic perspective, it still generates controversy, both positive and negative.

This book, presented to the reader, comprehensively examines the Gift Prayer from the perspective of Islamic worship, prayer and the concept of Gift Prayer, a study of the Hadith and the basis for Gift Prayer, and the legal provisions of Gift Prayer. Therefore, this article can provide legal answers to the question of Gift Prayer.

The author realizes that this book still has shortcomings and requires input for improvement. Therefore, criticism and suggestions for improving this thesis are highly appreciated.

In the end, the author surrenders to Allah. Hopefully this book can be useful for all of us, Amen.

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This book is a comprehensive guide for Muslims in identifying and rejecting the practice of Gift Prayer, which has been performed in the name of Islam, even tho it deviates from the teachings of the Quran and Hadith.

This book not only discusses the characteristics of the deviation in the practice of Gift Prayer, but also explains the motives and motivations of its practitioners, both from the practices of previous scholars and religious leaders, such as the Shafi'iyah and Hanabilah, especially the Shia who accurately and systematically state its practices and sources. With clear language and accurate data, the author invites readers to deeply understand the concept of worship in Islam, especially the practice of prayer, which must be based on the provisions of the Quran and Hadith, as well as strong fiqh principles, to maintain faith amidst the onslaught of various misleading understandings and practices.

Thru a systematic discussion, the author equips readers with an effective tool: strong evidence to protect themselves and their families from the dangers of misguidance, enabling them to firmly adhere to the pure and true teachings of Islam. This book is a must-read for every Muslim who wants to understand the laws of Gift Prayer.



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