

# ISLAMIC WILL AND TESTAMENT

All praises are due to Allah in whom we believe and from whom we ask forgiveness and help. We seek refuge in Allah from our evil doings and our bad deeds. Whoever Allah guides, no one can lead astray; and whoever Allah leaves astray, no one can guide.

Abdullah bin `Umar narrated that the Messenger of Allah (saws) said, *"It is not permissible for any Muslim who has something to will to stay for two nights without having his will and testament written and kept ready with him"* (Bukhari).

Pursuant to the Prophet's (saws) order for Muslims to have their wills written, I hereby request and certify the following while being in full mental capacity and health.

My bequest is as follows:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, that he is devoid of partner, and that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger; and that the Hour for certain will come, and that Allah will resurrect all those who are in the graves. I ask those who survive me from among my relatives and immediate family members to fear Allah and settle as well as correct the relationships among themselves and to obey Allah and His Messenger (saws) as Allah orders in the Quran, *"So fear Allah and keep straight the relations between yourselves and obey Allah and His Messenger if you are indeed believers"* (Al-Anfal: 1).

I also enjoin upon those of my family who survive me what Prophets Ibraheem and Yaqoub directed their sons, *"O my sons, Allah has chosen for you the religion [of Islam], so do not die except as Muslims"* (Al-Baqarah: 132).

I request that when I am in the brink of death, the best of people with the utmost faith be called to cajole and encourage me to say the words of the Shahadah: *"La ilaha ill-Allah, Muhammadun Rasulallah."* This is in observance with the Prophet's saying which goes: *"Anyone whose last words were 'La ilaha ill-Allah' will enter Paradise* (Ahmad, Abu Dawud and al-Hakim – Saheeh).

I warn you against wailing, beating your faces, or tearing your clothes, as the Prophet (saws) has prohibited these acts. After you have buried me, the first thing you must do is to clear me of my debts, if any, as the believer's soul is held back by his liabilities. Do not practice innovations regarding the three-day condolence period, such as bringing in someone to recite excerpts from the Quran or to prepare food for guests. And if you do any such innovations, I am free from that guilt and deviation, having therefore discharged my moral responsibility by informing you.

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I proclaim that there is no deity except Allah. Indeed, to Allah we belong and indeed to Him we return. O Allah, reward me in this affliction and replace it with something better for me.

## My Financial Will

A. My debts are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

B: What is due to me may be collected from:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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...Continued B: What is due to me may be collected from:

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

C: Of the trust kept in my custody, please return the following to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

D. I bequeath in Sadaqah (not exceeding 1/3 of my estate) the following:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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...Continued D: I bequeath in Sadaqah (not exceeding 1/3 of my estate) the following:

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that I have forgiven everyone who has backbitten me and request all those who knew me to do the same for whatever I may have erroneously taken from them or said against them. I also appeal that if you differ in anything among yourselves you refer the decision to Allah and His Messenger (saws), for Allah said: *"And no, by your Lord, they will not believe until they make you, [O Muhammad], judge in what they dispute among themselves and then find no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in full, [willing] submission"* (An-Nisa: 65).

My final bequest for my family and children is the same one that the Messenger of Allah (saws) enjoined upon his followers: *"The prayer, the prayer, and I advise my family to have patience and accept Allah's will"* (Al-Baqarah:156).

This is my last will and testament, and so I am now free before Allah from any words or deeds that distort and contradict the guidance of Allah's Messenger (saws), as is forewarned by the following Quranic verses: *"Then whoever alters it [i.e. the bequest] after he has heard it - the sin is only upon those who alter it"* (Al-Baqarah: 181).

*Glory be to your Lord, the Lord of Honor and Might, [who is free] from what they ascribe to Him. And peace be upon the Messengers. And praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds (As-Saffat:180-182).*

Written on: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Bequeather: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





