13985 - How to deal with a miscarriage

the question

Before she died, my wife miscarried a foetus aged four months. She took the foetus and buried it without praying for it. Please advise me as to whether I have to do anything.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The foetus should have been washed, shrouded and prayed for, according to the correct scholarly view, so long as it had reached the age of four months, because of the general meaning of the report narrated by Abu Dawood and al-Tirmidhi from al-Mugheerah ibn Shu’bah (may Allaah be pleased with him), that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “The miscarried foetus should be prayed for.” But the time for doing that has passed, so you do not have to do anything.

And Allaah is the Source of strength. May Allaah bless our Prophet Muhammad.