146158 - She had a slight bleed and a brownish discharge, then it turned out that she was pregnant. Should she make up missed prayers?

the question

I got my period and there was brownish discharge and slight bleeding, and I did not pray on the basis that it was a period, and it lasted for ten days. When I went to find out what caused it to last for so long, it turned out that I was one and a half months pregnant.
The question is: should I make up all the missed prayers or what?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The fuqaha' differed as to whether a pregnant woman can menstruate or not. There are two opinions, the soundest of which is that she can menstruate, although this is rare among women. This is the view of the Maalikis and Shaafa'is, and of Ahmad according to one report; it was also regarded as more correct by a number of scholars. But the scholars stipulated that in order for the blood that comes from a pregnant woman to be regarded as menstruation (hayd) it should be like menstrual blood and come at the time of menses. Please see the answer to question no. 23400.

Based on that, it seems that what happened in your case was not hayd (menses).

With regard to making up the prayers, you do not have to make them up, because you only refrained from praying because you thought that it was a period (menses).

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said: This also includes the woman who experiences istihaadah (non-menstrual bleeding) if it continued for a while and she did not pray because she thought that prayer was not required of her [at that time]. There are two opinions as to whether she has to make it up, one of which is that she does not have to do so -- as was narrated from Maalik and others -- because when a women suffering from istihaadah said to the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him), "I have been bleeding heavily for some

time and it prevents me from praying and fasting” he instructed her as to what was required of her in the future, and he did not instruct her to make up past prayers.

End quote from Majmoo‘ al-Fataawa, 21/101.

And Allah knows best.