What prayers can be performed if there isn't a body.

This will happen in cases of unnatural death where dead body is either destroyed or is untraceable. In such cases cremation of 'Puttala' (doll/effigy) made of Kusha grass palasha and flour is prepared. For 'Puttala-daha' or 'cremation of effigy' (see picture below) the choosing of a muhurta (auspicious time) should be adopted and taking the name of the deceased, burn it and place the ashes in water.



Also what is advised that the full set of prayers be performed. This is the observance of the 10 days and Sapindi Puja (done of the $12/13^{th}$ day), the 6^{th} month and $11 \frac{1}{2}$ month ceremony.

I would also advise to perform the Narayan Bali puja. The Narayan Bali puja is a prayer performed for an unnatural death of a person like drowning, murder, hanging, car accident. The full details of this prayers in given in this sub-menu...

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