



The fourth question of Fatwa No. 2428

Q 4: Did the Messenger (peace be upon him) use to begin the Salah (Prayer) with (In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.) or with (All praise and thanks are due to Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).) ?

A: We know of no evidence affirming that the Prophet (peace be upon him) used to begin the recitation during Jahri Salah (Prayer recited out loud) by saying 'In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful' aloud. However, an authentic Hadith shows that he used to begin by saying 'All praise and thanks are due to Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)' loudly and saying 'In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful' inaudibly.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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