



The second question of Fatwa no. 4683:

Q 2: What is the ruling on reciting Basmalah (saying, "Bismillah Al-Rahman, Al-Rahim [In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful]") in Salah?

A: The most correct view of the scholars is that a person who performs Salah should say Basmallah subvocally before reciting Al-Fatihah in every Rak`ah of his Salah in which the Qur'an is recited silently or loud, due to what is authentically reported on the authority of [Anas ibn Malik](#) (may Allah be pleased with him), that he said, [\(I performed Salah with the Prophet \(peace be upon him\), Abu Bakr, and `Uthman, I did not hear any of them saying Bismillah Al-Rahman, Al-Rahim \[In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful\]\).](#) Narrated by Ahmad and Muslim. In another wording of the same Hadith, [\(I performed Salah behind the Prophet \(peace be upon him\), Abu Bakr, `Umar and `Uthman and they were not saying Bismillah Al-Rahman, Al-Rahim aloud.](#) Related by Ahmad and [Al-Nasa'y](#) with a Sanad (chain of narration) that is in accordance with the conditions of the Sahih.

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