



Fatwa no. 7391:

**Q: Why do we recite a Surah after Al-Fatihah in the first two Rak`ahs and neglect them in the last two Rak`ahs?**

**A:** We do so following the example of our Prophet (peace be upon him). It has been authentically reported that he did

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this. However, no report proves that he recited Surahs in the last two Rak`ahs after Al-Fatihah except in Zhuhr (Noon) prayer. It has been authentically narrated on the authority of Abu Sa`id and related by [Muslim](#) what indicates that he (peace be upon him) used to recite occasionally a complete Surah or some Ayahs (Qur'anic verse) after Al-Fatihah in the third and fourth Rak`ahs, but shorter than those recited in the first two Rak`ahs.

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

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