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Invoking Allah's blessings upon the Prophet (peace be upon him)

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Seventh question from Fatwa No. 8864

Q 7: What are the authentically reported invocations that we may recite before and after Taslim (salutation of peace ending the Prayer)?

A: Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: (When any of you utters Tashahhud (sitting to invoke Allah's peace upon the Prophet) (in the Prayer) he must seek refuge with Allah from four (trials) and should thus say: O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the torment of Hell, from the torment of the grave, from the trial of life and death and from the evil of the trial of the Messiah Al-Dajjal (Antichrist).) This is wording of the Hadith which is narrated by Muslim in Al-Masajid (mosques) Section, Chapter on: From what we should to seek Allah's refuge in Salah. The Hadith narrated by Al-Bukhari mentions seeking refuge with Allah from trials but does not mention Tashahud. Al-Bukhari narrated it in Funerals Section, Chapter on: Seeking refuge with Allah from the torment of the grave. The Hadith narrated by Abu Dawud reads: (When any one of you completes the last Tashahud, he should seek refuge with Allah from four (trials)...) Abu Dawud narrated it in Salah Section, Chapter on: What is to be said after Tashahud. Al-Nasa'i narrates the Hadith with the addition: (Then he may supplicate for himself with whatever he wishes.) Related by Al-Nasa'i in Forgetfulness Section, Chapter on: Another kind of seeking refuge with Allah from trials in Salah.

On the authority of 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with him): (Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) used to teach them (the Companions) the following supplication (to recite) after Tashahud: O Allah! Join our hearts in good, mend our social relationship, guide us to the path of peace, bring us from darkness to light, save us from obscenities, outward or inward, and bless our ears, our eyes, our hearts, our wives, our children, and relent toward us, for You are the Relenting, the Merciful. And make us grateful for Your blessing and make us praise it while accepting it and give it to us in full.)

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Related by Abu Dawud in Salah Section, Chapter on: Tashahud. Al-Hakim narrated it in Al-Mustadrak with two different Sanads (chain of narrators) and considered it an authentic Hadith and Al-Dhahaby agreed with him.

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

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