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### Reciting Ayat-ul-Kursy and the Mu`awwidhatayn

Third and fourth questions from Fatwa No. 4209

**Q 3: I heard your Eminence saying that it is recommended to recite Ayat-ul-Kursy (the Qur'anic Verse of the Throne, Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:255), Surah Al-Ikhlās and the Mu`awwidhatayn (Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas) three times after performing Salah (Prayer). When should we recite them; after leaving the Masjid (mosque) or inside the Masjid or before or after supererogatory Salah?**

**A:** It is an act of Sunnah (a commendable act) to recite Ayat-ul-Kursy, Surah Al-Ikhlās, and the Mu`awwidhatayn (Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas). They should be recited in a subvocal voice after reciting the invocation to be said immediately after performing Salah. This is based on the Hadith narrated by [Al-Nasa'iy](#) which is considered a Sahih Hadith by [Ibn Hibban](#) on the authority of Abu Umamah Iyas ibn Tha`labah Al-Harithy Al-Ansary Al-Khazrajy who said that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said: ﴿ [Whoever recites Ayat al-Kursi \(verse no. 255 in Surat Al-Baqarah\) after every obligatory prayer, then there is nothing between him and his entrance into Paradise except his death.](#) ﴾ Imam Ahmad and others also narrated on the authority of Abu Umamah and others that: Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) used to recite Ayat al-Kursi in a subvocal voice after every Salah. The compiler of Al-Ahadith Al-Mukhtarah book classified it as a Sahih Hadith. [Al-Tabarani](#) narrated it with the following addition: ﴿ [Say \(O Muhammad peace be upon him\): 'He is Allāh, \(the\) One.](#) ﴾ Ibn Al-Qayyim said: Other narrations indicate that this Hadith has an origin (to support it). Also [Abu Dawud](#), [Al-Tirmidhy](#), [Al-Nasa'iy](#) and others narrated on the authority of `Uqbah ibn `Amir (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said: ﴿ [The Messenger of Allah \(peace be upon him\) ordered me to recite the Mu`awwidhatayn \(Surahs Al-Falaq and Al-Nas\) immediately after performing every Salah.](#) ﴾ According to the narration of [Abu Dawud](#): ...the Muawwidhat i.e. (Surahs Al-Falaq, Al-Nas and Al-Ikhlās).

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