



## Offering the two supererogatory Rak`ahs (units of prayer) prior to Fajr Prayer after Iqamah (call to start the Prayer)

The seventh question of Fatwa no. 4042

**Q 7: If upon entering the Masjid (mosque) to offer the Fajr (Dawn) Prayer, I find people praying in congregation, should I join them immediately or do I have to offer the two supererogatory Rak`ahs (units of prayer) prior to Fajr Prayer? If I join the congregation, when can I offer these two Rak`ahs?**

**A:** If upon entering the Masjid, a Muslim finds his fellow Muslims praying in congregation, he has to join them immediately and delay offering the two supererogatory Rak`ahs which are regularly performed prior to Fajr Prayer. This is based on the Hadith in which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ( [When the prayer commences then there is no prayer \(valid\), but the obligatory prayer.](#) ) Narrated by [Muslim](#). The two supererogatory Rak`ahs prior to Fajr may be offered after Fajr Prayer has been offered or after sunrise.

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