

Dua after the Fard Salah

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The following is a short compilation of Ahadith¹ which demonstrate that the Prophet ﷺ did have a consistent practice of supplicating after the Fard (Obligatory) salah:

1. Abu Umamah ؓ narrates that it was once said, “Oh messenger of Allah, which supplication is most readily heard?” He ﷺ responded, “In the last portion of the night, and **after** the obligatory prayers.”²

2. ‘Ali ؓ narrates, “Whenever the messenger of Allah ﷺ offered the final salam in prayer, he would recite (the following dua),

اللهم اغفر لي ما قدمت وما أخرت وما أسررت وما أعلنت وما أنت أعلم به مني، أنت المقدم وأنت المؤخر

Translation: Oh Allah, forgive me for whatever I have done in the past and whatever I may do in the future, whatever I have kept secret and whatever I have done openly, and for that which You are more knowledgeable than me; you are the one who elevates some and debases others.³

3. Barra ؓ narrates that the Prophet ﷺ would recite (the following dua) **after** the prayer,

رب قني عذابك يوم تبعث عبادك

Translation: My lord, save me from Your punishment on the day that You will resurrect Your servants.⁴

4. Sa’d ibn Abi Waqqas ؓ narrates that the messenger of Allah ﷺ used to seek protection **after** every obligatory salah with the following words,

اللهم إني أعوذ بك من الجبن وأعوذ بك أن أردد إلى أرذل العمر وأعوذ بك من فتنة الدنيا وأعوذ بك من عذاب

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Translation: Oh Allah, I seek your protection from cowardice, from reaching a senile age, from the trial(s) of this world, and from the punishment of the grave.⁵

¹ All Ahadith in this article are either *Hasan* or *Sahih*.

² *Sunan al-Tirmidhi* 3499. Imam al-Tirmidhi declared it *Hasan*. Hafiz ibn Hajar says in *al-Dirayah* that all of the narrators in the chain are *Thiqat* i.e. reliable.

³ *Sahih Muslim* 771/202/1779, *Sunan al-Tirmidhi* 3423. Imam al-Tirmidhi declared it *Hasan Sahih*.

⁴ *Sahih Muslim* 709.

⁵ *Sahih al-Bukhari* 2822.

5. Mu'adh رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم once advised him to never leave out the following dua **after** every salah,

اللهم أعني على ذكرك وشكرك وحسن عبادتك

Translation: Oh Allah, assist me in remembering You, in being grateful to You, and in perfecting my worship of You.⁶

6. Harith ibn Muslim al-Tamimi رضي الله عنه narrates that his father said that the messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم advised that one should recite the following dua seven times **after** the Fajr and Maghrib prayers, as it will serve as a protection from the fire,

اللهم أجري من النار

Translation: Oh Allah, protect me from the fire.⁷

7. Suhaib رضي الله عنه noticed the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would recite something after the Fajr prayer. When he asked what he was reciting, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم responded,

اللهم بك أحاول وبك أصاول وبك أقاتل

Translation: Oh Allah, with Your help do I push back (against adversaries), with Your help do I overcome (the adversaries), and with Your help do I fight (adversaries).⁸

8. An Ansari sahabi رضي الله عنه said that he heard the messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم recite the following dua after the salah one hundred times,

اللهم اغفر لي وتب عليّ إنك أنت التواب الغفور

Translation: Oh Allah, forgive me and accept my repentance. Indeed, You are the one who accepts repentance, the All-Forgiving.⁹

⁶ Sunan Abu Dawud 1522. Declared *Sahih* by Imam al-Nawawi in *al-Adhkar* pg. 60.

⁷ Sunan Abu Dawud 5079 & 5080. Hafiz ibn Hajar declared it *Hasan* in *Nataij al-Afkar* 2/326

⁸ Musnad Ahmad 18940. Declared *Sahih* by Hafiz ibn Hajar in *Nataij al-Afkar* 2/333

⁹ Musannaf ibn Abi Shaibah 29876. Declared *Sahih* by Imam Muhammad Muttaqi al-Hindi in *Kanz al-'Ummal* 4980.