

The second question of Fatwa no. 15863

Q 2: I am a senior student in one of the Egyptian universities. Usually students are overburdened with studies during Ramadan, since the final exams are immediately after that month.

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We have lots of studying to do during Ramadan and this deprives us from doing as much good deeds as we can, as we are commanded to. We wish to always recite the Qur'an and finish a Khatmah (one complete reading of the whole Qur'an) during the Tarawih (special supererogatory night Prayer in Ramadan). However, we pray in a nearby Masjid (mosque) where the Imam (the one who leads congregational Prayer) recites short Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) and finishes prayer early. Deep inside, I wish the Imam could complete the recitation of the whole Qur'an during the Tarawih like in other Masjids, yet, again, there is not much time to study. Please answer me and may Allah benefit you! Will I bear a sin for that? Note that I offer the Five Obligatory Daily Prayers at their due times and fast perfectly.

A: Tarawih Prayer is a stressed Sunnah (supererogatory act of worship following the example of the Prophet) and it is necessary to feel calm and tranquil while performing its recitation, standing, bowing, prostration and the rest of its Rukn (integral parts). It is not Wajib (obligatory) to complete one reading of the whole Qur'an during Tarawih.

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

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