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Question: If a person sleeps until sunrise, should he pray the two supererogatory Rak`ahs (units of Prayer) before offering the Fajr (Dawn) Prayer?

Answer: If one is overpowered by sleep and could not wake up until after sunrise, he should perform Fajr (Dawn) Prayer when he wakes up and should offer the Sunnah (supererogatory) Salaah before Fajr. It is authentically reported that the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ was overpowered by sleep. He along with his Sahaabah (Companions) woke up after sunrise. Adhaan (call to Prayer) was announced and the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) offered the two supererogatory Rak`ahs (units of Prayer) before offering the Fajr Prayer.

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

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¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him