Second question from Fatwa no.(10426)

Q: What is the ruling on supplicating between the pronouncement of Iqamah (call to start the Prayer) and Takbirat ul-Ihram (saying: "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]" upon starting Prayer)? One of the Imams (the one who leads congregational Prayer) told me: Do not say: "O Allah! Please make me stand in a good position when standing before You (on the Day of Resurrection)."

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However, if Du`a' (supplication) is permissible in this case, Which Du`a' is Mustahab (desirable) between Iqamah and Takbirat ul-Ihram?

A: We do not know of any authentic Du`a' after Iqamah and before Takbirat ul-Ihram, what is prescribed in Shari`ah is to repeat after the Mu'adhin, convey peace and blessings upon the Messenger (peace be upon him), and supplicate for him to be granted Al-Wasilah (the most superior degree in Paradise), then wait till the Imam pronounces Takbir (saying Allahu Akbar) and pronounce Takbir after him to start the prayer.

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

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