Eighth question from Fatwa No. 5176

Q 8: Is asking Allah to confer peace and blessings upon the Prophet in the second Tashahhud (sitting to invoke Allah's peace upon the Prophet) obligatory? What is the ruling on a person who abandons it intentionally or forgetfully?

A: Asking Allah to confer peace and blessings upon the Prophet (peace be upon him) in the second Tashahhud is obligatory according to the soundest opinion of scholars. This is proven by the command of the Prophet (peace be upon him) in this regard. Therefore, a person who leaves it forgetfully should perform Sujud-ul-Sahw (Prostration of Forgetfulness) whether they are alone or an Imam in congregational prayer. A person who abandons it intentionally, his Salah will be invalid.

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

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