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Questioner: In prayer, do we say the Basmalah [i.e., Bismillaahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem] and the isti'aadhah [i.e., A'uthu billaahi minash-Shaitaanir-Rajeem] between al-Faatihah and the Soorah after it?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: When someone who is praying finishes reciting al-Faatihah and starts a Soorah from its beginning then he reads the Basmalah before it, because it is a Soorah, except for Soorah Baraa'ah, as is known. As for when he starts his recitation from the middle of the Soorah or its end, then there is no Basmalah.

Al-isti'aadhah is [said] at the beginning of the recitation only.²

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 814.

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