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Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "When you recite Sūrat al-Fātihah, recite 'In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful'. It is the mother of the Qur'an, the mother of the Book, and the seven oft-repeated verses, and 'In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful' is one of these verses

[Authentic hadith] [Al-Bayhaqi - Narrated by Ad-Daraqutny]

This noble Hadīth indicates that it is permissible to recite the Basmalah at the beginning of Sūrat al-Fātihah in prayer, because it is part of the Sūrah. However, he means that it should be recited in a low voice and not loudly, since this is what has been transmitted in more authentic Hadīths. At-Tahāwi said: "Abandoning reciting the Basmalah aloud in prayer has been collectively and contiguously reported from the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) and his successors."

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