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3. When praying *qaḍā'*, one should have the intention of making up the very first salats they missed, then the next, then the next, and so on.
4. You will continue praying *tarāwīḥ* as it is also *sunnah mu'akkadah*. You may choose to pray alone so that you may have extra time to dedicate to *qaḍā'* salats.
5. You do not need to make up the *witr* salats from the time that you followed the *Shāfi'ī madhhab*.

And Allah knows best.

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