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نَحْنُ	نَعْلَمُ	we know
هُوَ	يَعْلَمُ	he knows
أَنْتَ	تَعْلَمُ	you know
هُمْ	يَعْلَمُونَ	they know
أَنْتُمْ	تَعْلَمُونَ	you know (pl.)

يَعْلَمُونَ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ

Quran 82 : 12

Present, they: prefix ي + suffix ون.

كَلَّا سَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ

Quran 102 : 3

Present, you (pl.): prefix ت + suffix ون.

وَٱللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُوعُونَ

Quran 84 : 23

Present, I: prefix أ.

وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ يَضِيقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ

Quran 15 : 97

Present, we: prefix ن.

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