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masculine	اُكْتُبْ	write!
feminine	اُكْتُبِي	write! (f.)
plural	اُكْتُبُوا	write! (pl.)
masculine	قُلْ	say!
plural	اعْبُدُوا	worship!

قُلْ يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلْكَٰفِرُونَ

Quran 109 : 1

Imperative of قالَ: “say!”.

فَٱسْجُدُوا۟ لِلَّهِ وَٱعْبُدُوا۟

Quran 53 : 62

Plural imperative of عَبَدَ: ـوا.

فَٱتَّقُوا۟ ٱللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُونِ

Quran 26 : 108

Plural imperative of اتَّقَى.

اِقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ ٱلْأَكْرَمُ

Quran 96 : 3

Singular imperative of قَرَأَ: “read!”.

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