

Examples of the third person imperative

καὶ πρῶτα μὲν μοι τοῦ λόγου τάδ' ἀρχέτω·

First let me begin my speech like this.

Euripides Iphigenia in Tauris 1060

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τέκνον μή τοι ταῦτα μετὰ φρεσὶ σῇσι μελόντων.

Child, do not let these things concern you.

Homer Iliad 19.29

μήτε τις οὖν θήλεια θεὸς τό γε μήτε τις ἄρσιν
πειράτω διακέρσαι ἐμὸν ἔπος, ἀλλ' ἅμα πάντες
αἰνεῖτ', ὅφρα τάχιστα τελευτήσω τάδε ἔργα.

*Let no goddess, no god, go against my word, but everyone praise it so that I can bring to pass
my work as quickly as possible.*

Homer Iliad 8.7-9

ἀλλὰ προσέχετε τὸν νοῦν, δοκείτω δ' ὑμῖν ἡ γνώμη ὁρᾶν ἃ οὗτος ἐποίει, καὶ
διαγνώσεσθε ἄμεινον.

*Now pay attention, and agree to look at what he has done and you will come to a better
decision.*

Lysias Speeches 6.51

μήτε ταῦτα φοβούμενος ἀποκάμης σαυτὸν σῶσαι, μήτε, ὃ ἔλεγες ἐν τῷ δικαστηρίῳ,
δυσχερές σοι γενέσθω ὅτι οὐκ ἂν ἔχοις ἐξελθὼν ὅτι χρῶο σαυτῷ.

*Do not give up saving yourself through fear of this. And do not be troubled by what you said in
the court, that if you went away you would not know what to do with yourself.*

Plato Crito 45c

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