

תשובה ~ תפילה ~ צדקה

teshuvah ~ tefillah ~ tzedakah
Repentance ~ Prayer ~ Giving

**Teshuvah, tefillah and tzedakah
can soften the harshness of the decree.**

READER: We cannot know what may befall us in this new year to come.
So much is unforeseen, unknowable,
so much is out of our control.

READER: And yet our tradition points to three simple human acts
that have the power to heal our lives,
and the world itself.

READER: *Teshuvah*: The Act of Turning and Returning. In the new year
to come may we turn away from the destructive parts of
ourselves and return to the place of wholeness that resides
within us all;

ALTERNATIVES:

תשובה teshuvah
DIRECTION

READER: *Tefillah*: The Prayerful Call of the Soul. In the new year to
come may we all find expression for the innermost place of our
collective spirit;

תפילה tefillah
REFLECTION

READER: *Tzedakah*: Sharing our Material Blessings. In the new year to
come may we all give meaningfully of ourselves, restoring
justice and balance to a fractured world.

צדקה tzedakah
CONNECTION

ALL: **May we fill our lives with Teshuvah, Tefillah and Tzedakah
during the next ten days and the new year to come.
May we find healing in our lives
and peace in our world.**

Amen.

-BR, adapted

Some rabbis say that
welcoming guests takes
precedence over
welcoming *Shechinah* -- the
presence of God.
With *kavanna* (intention) and
mindfulness,
true welcoming,
the welcoming that allows us
to see each other as divine
sparks--
is welcoming the Divine.
--EW, adapted

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