

בְּרֹאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה יִכְתְּבוּן וּבַיּוֹם צוֹם כִּפּוּר יִתְתַּמּוּן.

*B'rosh hashanah yikateivun,  
U'vyom tzom kippur yeihateimun.*

Through prayer, charitable deeds and turning to God for forgiveness, we can make our lives better. May You soften our judgment, God, for You are the God of life.

וְתִשׁוּבָה וְתַפְּלָה וְצְדָקָה  
מֵעַבְרִין אֶת־רֵעַ הַגֵּזֶרָה.

*Teshuvah, tefillah and tzedakah can change our lives.  
U'teshuvah u'tefillah u'tzedakah ma'avirin et ro'a ha'g'zerah.*

The prayer "*U'netaneh Tokef*" which means "We will declare the greatness of this day of holiness," was composed in the Middle Ages by Rabbi Amnon who was tortured for refusing to convert to Christianity.

### What Does *Tzedakah* Mean?

*Tzedakah* not only means "giving money to charity"; *tzedakah* means giving with sensitivity to those who need, and giving because sharing is the just and proper way for us to behave.