

- 1 When Thomas Edison died on this day in 1931, he had over 1,200 inventions patented to his name. He is perhaps best remembered for his invention of the electric light bulb, which we take so much for granted today.
- 2 Thomas Edison and his assistants tried various substances as the filament of the bulb, and different gases enclosed within the glass. One of the first bulbs that Edison produced, he handed to a young assistant to carry upstairs to another laboratory. Carefully the young man carried the bulb, step by step up the stairs. Suddenly he dropped it, and all their painstaking work was destroyed.
- 3 Edison and his team returned to work and spent 24 hours producing another bulb. When it was finished, and again had to be carried upstairs, he handed it to the same young man in a marvellous gesture of trust and confidence.
- 4 Thomas died on this day in 1931 - 52 years after inventing the light bulb. People throughout the United States were invited to turn off their lights for a minute that night as a sign of respect for Thomas Edison, who had brought such benefits to mankind.
- 5 *Let us pray,
remembering how Edison showed trust
in giving his light bulb for a second time
to the young man:*

**Lord, may people be as ready
to give me a chance, a break,
and let me make a new start,
as I am ready to be
as equally generous to others.
Forgive me my faults
in the same way
as I forgive and accept other people.
Amen.**

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