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1 Thomas Edison, the great inventor, died on yesterday's date in 1931. He had invented the light bulb, the film projector, and a storage battery. He improved the telephone, the telegraph and the gramophone (record player).

2 Edison had only 3 months of formal schooling. Later in life he said:

*"I never used to be able to get along.
I used to feel that the teachers
did not sympathise with me,
and that my father
thought I was stupid."*

3 He learned from his mother, and had an inquisitive mind which led him to explore and invent. When someone remarked how easy it must be for him to invent, he said:

*"Genius is 1% inspiration
and 99% perspiration!"*

4 *Let us pray:*

**God our Father,
may your Spirit be at work in my life
so that I may transform
into something positive
whatever negative experiences
I will face in life.**

**If I have been done down
or treated unfairly,
lead me to be concerned
about fairness and justice to others.**

**If I have felt misunderstood,
inspire me to listen to others
and show genuine interest.**

**If I have been left out of things,
remind me
to welcome and include others.**

**If I have felt
that I have experienced little support,
show me how best to encourage others.**

**If I have not felt really appreciated,
lead me to be generous
in valuing and thanking others.**

**What I pray for today, Father,
I also commit myself to work at.
Amen.**

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This is an excerpt from the page of this date in
'Praying Each Day of the Year',
a 3-volume book
by Nicholas Hutchinson, FSC.

For details:

<http://www.matthew-james.co.uk/>

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to research this topic further.

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