

- 1 Alexander Graham Bell is probably best remembered for having been the person who invented the telephone.
- 2 He was born in Scotland but moved to Canada and then the United States. In Boston he set up a training school for those who would teach the deaf. Trying to invent a machine that would help deaf people to hear, he learned how to use electricity as a means of transmitting speech.
- 3 It was on this day - 10th March - in the year 1876, that wires were laid between two rooms, and the first words were spoken on a telephone. They were addressed by Alexander Graham Bell to his assistant: *"Mr Watson, will you please come up here? I want you."*
- 4 Sometimes we take many things for granted - like the telephone. There are times, too, when we take people for granted.
- 5 Let us pray  
that each of us develops  
the skills and talents  
we have been given,  
and that we remain open and sensitive  
to all that is around us.  
  
*Lord, hear us - Lord, graciously hear us.*
- 6 Let us pray that we may live in such a way  
that we use things and love people,  
instead of using people  
and loving things.  
  
*Lord, hear us - Lord, graciously hear us.*
- 7 We pray that we may value and treasure  
all who come into our lives  
- not just for what they can do,  
but for who they are.  
Let us pray that we live in such a way  
as to express appreciation

by the way we look at people  
and in what we say.

*Lord, hear us - Lord, graciously hear us.*

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