

THE
CLOWN

PRAYER

AS I STUMBLE THROUGH THIS LIFE
HELP ME TO CREATE MORE LAUGHTER THAN TEARS,
DISPENSE MORE HAPPINESS THAN GLOOM,
SPREAD MORE CHEER THAN DESPAIR.

NEVER LET ME BECOME SO INDIFFERENT
THAT I WILL FAIL TO SEE
THE WONDER IN THE EYES OF A CHILD
OR THE TWINKLE IN THE EYES OF THE AGED.

NEVER LET ME FORGET THAT MY TOTAL EFFORT IS TO
CHEER PEOPLE, MAKE THEM HAPPY,
AND FORGET AT LEAST MOMENTARILY ALL THE
UNPLEASANTNESS IN THEIR LIVES.

AND, IN MY FINAL MOMENT, MAY I HEAR YOU WHISPER;
"WHEN YOU MADE MY PEOPLE SMILE, YOU MADE ME SMILE."

AMEN