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Reality

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Yesterday I sat with some long-term doctors during both lunch and dinner. They talked about patients who had died yesterday. This led into talking about some of the patients who have died which still haunt them. Like last August when the government cut off funding to the hospital and one of the doctors hunted all over the hospital to find the medications for a child who was close to death. She had to watch the child die before her eyes with the medication in her hands because no needles could be found to administer it. A patient yesterday desperately needed oxygen and was not given it yet oxygen was still being given to another patient who had suddenly died because the nurses refused to believe she had died so quickly. The frustrations of trying to make progress, thinking you have, then finding out you hadn't were evident. This brought to mind something I'd written several years ago.

God help me
the world is crying

all around me
multitudes are dying

please remind me
why I must keep on trying

my heart is breaking
give me Yours.

Joe Mamlin (founder of AMPATH), when asked how his day went, will not answer. He wisely says a day cannot be judged on its own. It can only be counted a good day if you can look back 5 years and see progress.

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