

Dreaming On...

The beginning of a new year seems to always fill us with hope and expectations for new happenings and fulfillment of dreams began in the past year.

Recently we experienced a Dream denied and many young people in the United States were left without the future of education they had so yearned for in the country they now know as home.

I was touched by stories of undocumented young people waiting and hoping as the debate in the U.S. Senate over the passage of the **DREAM Act** continued.

Jim Wallis of Sojourners wrote:

On Tuesday, I met 100 reasons: 100 young people brought to this country by their parents, from 100 different situations, to 100 different futures. But each one has something in common with all the others. They want to commit themselves to this country and to public service. Each one is



already working hard, building their community, and planning for the future, but their options are limited. While for most of these young people America is the only home they have ever known, they don't have the papers to say so.

The DREAM Act can help fix this problem.

They were supported by the prayers of many as Jim reported,

Outside of a Senate office building, the students knelt on the freezing ground. We surrounded them with prayer and told them that their fight was our fight, their burden our burden, their hope our hope. If they are attacked, we all are attacked; if they are vilified, we all are vilified. Christ stood with those on the margins, and so will we.

When the Senate failed to pass this act before the end of the session, President Obama made the statement

that when he strongly believes in something he will be persistent. For him the dream is not gone, he will continue to pursue it as the best for these young people who have much to offer to our nation.

These were moments for me to reflect on my dreams and the hope that will keep me persistent in their pursuit. I can and **will support** those whose Dream is worthwhile and who can see the Dream a reality with the support of those of us who care enough to continue the dream with them.

I will keep on Dreaming.

Will you?

