

There is space for everyone on this planet. To live a decent life and have all our needs met.

To not have to viciously compete for every scrap of space. There is space for everyone to live near nature and trees and gardens. There is enough food to go around. There is plenty of work to be had. Even the kind of work you love, not drudgery. There are communities of people to befriend. There is time for leisure. You don't have to live in a cramped apartment. There is space for everyone, and no one has to suffer. Or be told that "you lose" because "I need to win." Let's toss out the zero sum game. There is enough space on this planet for everyone. We don't have to sacrifice anyone.

But it won't work, if we allow the wrong priorities to come out on top. If we allow the rich and polluting companies to do what they want to; if people are just commodities. It won't work if we keep following a model of competition and scarcity. It won't work if we accept that capital needs markets to sell more cars and more oil, all the while enslaving workers who have to pay for it all. It won't work if we don't base our policies and decision-making on the needs of people and communities.

It is crucial to fire up the imagination. What could be possible, if only ... What could be possible if we recalibrated our priorities. It's not enough to say "planet over profit" we have to say "day-care centers over data centers" we have to say "bicycle paths and public space over blacktop car lanes" we have to say "gardens, flowers, birds, and trees over fossil fuel factories" we have to say "the pursuit of mental health, well-being, and joyful society over endless exploitation and profit-seeking. Amen sisters and brothers.