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We met our new friends at the airport and went to our new home in the school minibus! Really, we could not believe that this house would be our home. We were here, we were happy. Our home is very comfortable and just right for our family and, most importantly, has a beautiful garden.

We were very happy to meet all the members of the [community sponsorship] group. Every member of our group had a role – all of them supported us.

Really, **they are our family in this country** because they did a very difficult job to make everything easy for us. They helped us in every way- finding the school for our children, in fact the head teachers came to welcome us the first day we arrived! Our new friends helped us to find our way, a doctor who spoke Arabic, a dentist, taking us to the Job Centre. We had a wonderful interpreter who helped so much.”

Syrian refugee sponsored by a group from Sutton Catholic Deanery, South London.

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We must ground our response to migrants and refugees in a recognition that the whole earth exists for the flourishing of all people, regardless of where they were born.

**LOVE THE STRANGER, THE BISHOPS
OF ENGLAND AND WALES.**

Lord Jesus

**Give us courage to accompany others,
for in walking at their side
we find you there present with us.**

Amen

Prayer from JRS UK

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