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"The fact that there are some bad and evil people doesn't mean that all refugees are evil and bad as well. Please help us to start over with all that you can; sometimes, a smile or a piece of advice will do."

"We came here with our own aspirations. We have the skills/ education needed to start a new life and to help further improve this country so we are just asking you to have faith in us, in our abilities, and good intentions."

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"I could be a valuable member of society if I was given the chance."

"Tolerance and acceptance of the 'Other' needs courage and compassion, two traits British citizens have often shown. Therefore, please give Syrians the helping hand in the time of need."

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"Thank you for accepting us into the British society. I hope I can add a positive touch to this country."

"There is nothing to say as I know my words will not be heard by anyone."

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"I just hope that you don't listen to what the media say about the refugees being the reason for terrorism."

"Help me find a job. I have two masters with distinction, I am a former champion in swimming, I have won one of the most competitive scholarships in the world, I am a community developer and a public speaker. It is shameful not to be able to find a job."

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"Treat me as one of you and not as someone who came here just to deprive you of your rights."

"Give us a chance to show you our skills and to prove that we deserve a chance to start a decent and peaceful life."

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"We lost our chance to continue our education back home. We lost everything. So please help us to start over."

"I am really happy for being here and I appreciate what British people offer us. You are really welcoming and friendly."

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"I just want to ask the British people not to misjudge us because of what they hear on the media."

"We came here to escape from war not to start a new one."

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"I appreciate the help you have offered us. But I would like you to try to know the refugee community more and not to have a stereotypical opinion about us. Because nobody has the right to judge a community based on the acts of a minority. I think we have to understand each other more so we can spread love among the British and refugee communities."

"We're all people and in this crazy world we're all vulnerable to disaster. So I would like to be seen as just an individual with dreams, aspirations, and a family to raise."



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