

Francis calls for prayers for abducted nuns

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At the end of his General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis [called on everyone to pray](#) [1] for a group of nuns taken by force from the Greek Orthodox Monastery of Saint Tecla in the ancient Christian town of Ma?lula in Syria.

Most [media reports](#) [2] on the kidnapping, including by the government's Sana news agency, speculated the kidnapping was the work of the Al Nusra Front, which the U.S. State Department defines as a terrorist organization linked to al-Qaida. Early reports said 12 nuns were kidnapped.

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[1] http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2013/12/04/pope_calls_for_prayer_for_nuns_kidnapped_in_syria/en1-752530

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