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When blessing these palm crosses, the priest prays: "*whosoever shall receive these palm crosses may find protection of soul and body […] and into whatsoever place they shall be brought, those who dwell in that place may obtain Thy blessing, and all evil and adversities being removed, Thy right hand may protect them.*"

It is with this prayer and wish that we give you this palm cross: through it, may God bring you protection, blessing, and health; to you and to your loved ones. May your home, through this sign of God's love for each one of us, be always a place of peace, love, and prosperity.

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