

**Dear [Family Member's Name],**

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere remorse for being unable to join the family function on [Date]. It truly breaks my heart to miss out on such a significant occasion filled with love and joy.

Due to [brief reason for absence, e.g., a prior commitment, illness], I regret that I will not be able to celebrate with all of you. Family gatherings mean a great deal to me, and missing this event is something I deeply regret.

I hope to hear all about the festivities and share in the memories made that day. Please send my love to everyone and let them know I will be thinking of you all.

Looking forward to catching up soon.

With heartfelt apologies,  
[Your Name]