## Dear [Recipient's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincerest apologies for not being able to celebrate your birthday with you this year. It pains me to think that I neglected such a special occasion in your life.

There is no excuse for my absence, but please know that it was not a reflection of how much you mean to me. I cherish our friendship and truly regret not being there to celebrate with you.

I would love to make it up to you. Perhaps we could plan a get-together soon? I want to celebrate you properly, even if it's a bit late.

Once again, I am really sorry for missing out on your special day. I promise to do better and make more time for the important events in your life.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]