Dear Professor [Last Name],

I hope this message finds you in moments of peace during this incredibly challenging time. I was deeply saddened to hear about your [loss/mention relationship, e.g., "passing of your mother"]. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

Your guidance and support have greatly impacted my life, and it is difficult to express how much I admire your strength. I want to extend my sympathy not only for your loss but also to offer any assistance you might need during this period.

Please take all the time you need to grieve, and remember I am here for you if you would like to talk or if there's anything specific I can do to help.

With deepest sympathy,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]