Dear [Relative's Name],

I hope this message finds you well! As the holiday season approaches, I find myself eager to reconnect with family. I wanted to reach out and see if you might still be planning a holiday meal this year. Given how busy things can get, I understand if plans have already been made or if there's no room for last-minute additions.

If you are having a gathering, I would love to join you and spend some quality time together. Please let me know if there's still a chance to celebrate with everyone. I'm more than happy to help with any dishes or contributions needed!

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Warm regards,

[Your Name] [Your Contact Information]