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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere

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(adjective)i-REN-ik

Promoting or intending to promote peace, pacific, peaceable.

Of an **irenic** temper, he belonged to the category of those souls who easily persuade themselves that obedience is the first of virtues, that every superior is a saint; and if unluckily he is not, that we should none the less act as though he were.

Paul Sabatier, *Life of St. Francis of Assisi*.

He and his followers were bitterly assailed, but his **irenic** spirit did not forsake him.

(ed.) Grenville Kleiser, *The World's Great Sermons: (vol. 1) Basil to Calvin*.

She had a distinct but remote impression that her father had hitherto never, at least never openly, shown such **irenic** solicitude in that direction, and she knew that his sudden peace-making with the old negro meant ill to her lover.

Maurice Thompson, *The Balance of Power*,
in Southern Lights and Shadows (Harper's Novelettes)
(eds. William Dean Howells & Henry Mills Alden)

I start by congratulating the noble Baroness the Leader of the House on the **irenic** tone of her opening remarks.

Lord St John of Fawsley, Lords Hansard, 7 March 2000. Lords Hansard

His first encyclical was titled â€œGod Is Love,â€• and charity has become the recurring byword of his apparently **irenic** pontificate.

Gavid Gibson, *The New York Times*, 23 April 2007. New York Times

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