## LESLIE EILER THOMPSON

Contributing Writer - Every Moment Holy, Volume III: The Work of the People



- Contributing writer to the prayer book series *Every Moment Holy*, with liturgies appearing *in Every Moment Holy Volume III: The Work of the People*
- Podcast host and producer, storyteller, creative projects consultant
- Wife to Mike and mom to Alice

**Leslie Eiler Thompson's creative pursuits take many forms** – from podcast hosting & producing, to storytelling & writing, to owning a creative consulting studio. She studied commercial music at Belmont University then stayed in Nashville to help creative people move new projects forward in music, radio, publishing, and more.

As a podcast host, Leslie leads the *Someone Like Me* podcast, which tells the firsthand stories of human sex trafficking survivors in the state of Tennessee. She is also co-host of *Church Historia*, which explores various threads of Christian church history. Leslie's writing has been published on the Rabbit Room and Tokens Show blogs as well as her own.

A fan of carefully crafted words, one of Leslie's favorite and most appreciated books is **Every Moment Holy** by Douglas McKelvey. Leslie loves how McKelvey's original prayers (liturgies) weave together ordinary events and moments with spiritual significance. She is honored to be one of the contributing writers to Volume III of the *Every Moment Holy* series.

"Every Moment Holy guides us to practice the presence of God in all the mundane, light, and dark moments of life. I use the prayers daily – in joy and in pain - and share the books with anyone I meet who doesn't already have their own."

Leslie loves to introduce other young women and moms to liturgies that have become meaningful in her own life. She often gifts sets of *Every Moment Holy* to newlyweds and new parents. From the "Liturgy for Changing Diapers" to "A Liturgy for Setting up a Christmas Tree," discovering the divine in the middle of the everyday is truly a rare gift.

Having been an appreciator of this collection of prayers, now Leslie's own contributions appear in the series. Leslie's liturgies include "When Breastfeeding Isn't Going as Planned," and "For the Morning of an Infant Medical Procedure."

Leslie and Mike Thompson live on the outskirts of Nashville, TN, with their two-year-old daughter Alice.

## **EVERY MOMENT HOLY BOOK SERIES**

- Bestselling books of original liturgies & prayers more than 300,000 copies sold to date
- Volume 3 (The Work of the People) arrives November 2023
- Each volume features liturgies and prayers written by lyricist and author Douglas Kaine McKelvey; Volume 3 also includes liturgies by other writers
- Each volume features original illustrations by Ned Bustard; Volume 3 also includes illustrations by other artists

## **INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

- The Every Moment Holy book series has now sold more than 300,000 copies. Why are readers falling in love with these "new liturgies for daily life"?
- You say that Every Moment Holy helps folks "practice the presence of God." What does that look like for you?
- For moms of little ones, life is filled with chaotic and mundane daily moments moments that feel anything but holy. How does prayer (liturgy) help moms find spiritual significance within the ordinary moments of life?
- The third volume of *Every Moment Holy* arrives November 2023, featuring more contributors than ever. Which liturgies did you contribute? What was your process for choosing topics and writing these prayers?
- Tell us more about some of the other writers and illustrators who contributed to volume three.
- How does *Every Moment Holy* help people pray when they don't feel like praying or when they just don't have a moment to spare?

## Every Moment Holy, Volume III: The Work of the People

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